

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

November 8, 2009

**Ringing of the Bell** Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

## A Thought as the Service Begins

Only in our doing can we grasp you.  
Only with our hands can we illumine you.  
The mind is but a visitor;  
it thinks us out of our world...

I don't want to think a place for you.  
Speak to me from everywhere.  
Your Gospel can be comprehended  
without looking for its source.

When I go toward you  
it is with my whole life.

*(I, 51 Rilke's Book of Hours)*

*(We ask that you turn off the ringers on your cell phones, beepers and electronic devices. Please join us in a time of quiet during the prelude.)*

**Prelude** Fugue in f minor (Charles Burney)

**Call to Worship** Spirit of Truth, of Life, or Power Adult Choir  
(Westwood, Mason)

**Welcome and Announcements** Kathy Reiff, Worship Leader

**\*Hymn** For all That is Our Life #128

**Chalice Lighting** Andrea Mason

**Response Hymn** *(please remain seated)* #123

Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of life, come to me, come to me.

## A Time for All Generations

**Singing the Children and Teachers to Church School** #413  
Go now in peace. Go now in peace.  
May the love of God surround you  
Everywhere, everywhere you may go. (repeat)

## Candles of Celebration and Concern

You are invited to come forward, light a candle and briefly share a joy or sorrow that has touched your life.

**Anthem** The Oneness of Everything (Jim Scott) Adult Choir

## Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

**Offertory** Voluntary in C (William Boyce)

**\*Offertory Response** *(Words: Melinda Green; Music: Shawn McCann)*

We thank each other for these gifts  
Which makes our giving bless-ed.  
We bless the works our gifts sustain  
And pray they ripple outward.  
With grace and generosity  
We show our faith enacted.

**Sermon** Service of the Heart Rev. Elea Kemler

**\*Hymn** Wake, Now, My Senses #298

## \*Sung Benediction

As we leave this friendly place,  
Love give light to every face.  
May the kindness which we learn,  
Light our hearts til we return.

**Postlude** Trumpet Voluntary (John Bennett)

*(Please remain seated during the Postlude. You are also invited to come to the front of the church and light a candle silently during this time. Please place your candle toward the back of the candle table. We ask the congregation to remain seated in quiet until the last candle is lit.)*

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

*Large Print Hymnals, Sunday Bulletins and Assisted Listening Devices are available at the sanctuary doors. If you don't wish to keep your Sunday Bulletin, please place it one of the recycle baskets at the sanctuary exits.*

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*Join us downstairs for good food and conversation immediately following the service! All are welcome to join the Small Group Conversation, a quieter alternative to Fellowship Hour, in the first floor library at 11:30 AM.*

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Greeters: Donna and Roger Allen  
Ushers: Jim Frey, Amy Sturm