

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

January 10, 2010

Ringing of the Bell Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins

Take the song that you have and sing it here
Give it strength and time for a day or a year
Take the song that you have and sing it here
Give it love, give it love. (Sandy O, emma’s revolution)

No one lives in this room...
without contemplating last and late
the true nature of poetry. The drive
to connect. The dream of a common language.
(Adrienne Rich)

(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 Music by emma’s revolution

Welcome and Announcements Sue Lotz, Worship Leader

***Hymn** If I Had A Hammer (Lee Hays & Pete Seeger)
(see insert)

Chalice Lighting Steve Lieman

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
Go now in peace. Go now in peace. #413
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go. (repeat)

Anthem Music by emma’s revolution

Reading from Pablo Neruda’s Nobel lecture, 1971
Elea Kemler

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Offertory Largo (George Green)

***Offertory Response** *(Words: Barbara Rich; Music: Joshua Rich)*

Today we give our time
Our compassion, wit and song
Everyday we can choose,
To begin again in love.

We give what we can,
Generous as we can
Opening the doors
To begin again in love.

Sermon The Dream of a Common Language
Rev. Elea Kemler

***Hymn** Swimming to the Other Side (Pat Humphries)
(see insert)

***Sung Benediction**
Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.
Oh, carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.

Postlude Music by emma’s revolution

(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!

Greeters: Diane Swift, Suzanne Nelson
Ushers: Kathy and Greg Reiff