

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

January 17, 2010

Ringing of the Bell

Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins

If any of you are around when I have to meet my day, I don't want a long funeral. And if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell them not to talk too long....

I'd like somebody to mention that day that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to give his life serving others.

I'd like for somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to love somebody.

I want you to say that day that I tried to be right on the war question.

I want you to be able to say that day that I did try to feed the hungry.

And I want you to be able to say that day that I did try in my life to clothe those who were naked.

I want you to say on that day that I did try in my life to visit those who were in prison.

I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity.

...everybody can be great, because everybody can serve... You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love.

Martin Luther King, Jr. from the sermon The Drum Major Instinct

(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 III (J.C. Kellner)

Call to Worship Siyahamba (traditional) Children's Choir

Welcome and Announcements Gin Mackey, Worship Leader

***Hymn** Come and Go With Me #1018, turquoise

Chalice Lighting Jim Frey

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

Anthem I Wish I Knew How (Billy Taylor and Dick Dallas)
Children's Choir

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)

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.

Reading from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Presidential Address, 8/16/1967 Paul Harter

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Offertory Recit de Nazard (Charpentier)
(Today's offering is for the UUA/UU Service Committee Emergency Earthquake Relief Fund for the people of Haiti.)

***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.

Reading from The Quest for Peace and Justice, Nobel Lecture
David Hill

Reflections on Service Rev. Elea Kemler

***Hymn** There's a River Flowin' in my Soul #1007, turquoise

***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 Voluntary I (Samuel Wesley)

(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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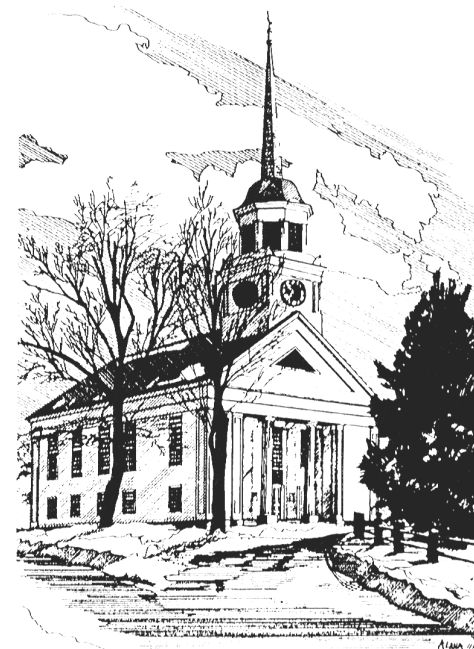
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Groton, Massachusetts

“We are a community seeking to deepen spiritually, to take care of one another, and to be a blessing to the world.”

A Warm Welcome to All!

There is childcare for infants and toddlers through age 4 years beginning at 9:50 AM on the second floor of the East Wing and you are welcome to take children there at any time during the service. There are quiet toys in the soft, red pouches in each pew. The service is also broadcast downstairs in the large room beneath us if children become restless.