

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

March 22, 2015

Ringing of the Bell Luke Benedict

A Thought as the Service Begins

Self-Expression is...

Passionate

Communicate

Explore

Influence

Importance

Insight

Discord and Harmony

Loving Kindness

Value

Standing Up

Talent

Jacob Podsiadlo, Nick Maciel, Sara Woods, Sam Mayer-Svarczkopf, Dmitri Foster, Caleb Stanley-Kemler, Isabel Stanley-Kemler, Charlie Peterson, Sarah Hudson, Olivia Logan, Sarah Branch

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

Prelude One Day (Matisyahu) -Youth Choir

Welcome and Announcements Austin Edwards, Worship Leader

***Hymn** If You Want to Sing Out Sing Out, Sing Out
(Cat Stevens)

Chalice Lighting Maddy Premru

Response Hymn Carolyn McDade *(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 Lara Hill, Kira Hill, Eleanor Keydel, Hailey Watson, Jon Frey, Sam Mayer Svarczkopf

Singing the Children and Teachers to Church School

Children's Blessing *(First UU Nashville Youth Choir)*

May your mind be open to new learning

May your lips bring truth into the world

May your heart know love, and your hands do the work of justice

As you go your way in peace

As you go your way in peace

Candles of Celebration and Concern Charlie Peterson
(You are invited to come forward, introduce yourself, briefly share a personal and heartfelt joy or sorrow, light your candle from the chalice and place it on the candle table. Before you speak, please take a moment to gather your thoughts and feelings into a sentence.)

Anthem Carry On (Olivia Holt) -Youth Choir

Reading Sam Mayer Svarczkopf

Spoken Prayer/Silent Meditation

Kira Hill, Hailey Watson, Lara Hill

Offertory Try (Colbie Caillat) -solo by Lara Hill

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 Sara Woods

Reflections Senior Reflections

***Hymn** Brave (Sara Bareilles)

(Continued on Back Cover)

***Sung Benediction** Carry the Flame (Patricia Pavey)
Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.
Oh, carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.

Spoken Benediction Charlie Peterson

Postlude Express Yourself (Charles Wright)
–Youth choir and band
(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!

The chalice art was designed by Cameron Hadland and created by the Middle Matters Art Committee.

Greeters: Luke Benedict, Cameron Hadland, and Julia Hudson
Ushers: Isabel Conners, Dmitri Foster, Trudy Burnham and Jacob Podsiadlo
Coffee Hour Hosts: Caleb Stanley-Kemler and Henry Clark

Youth Choir members:

Kira Hill, Lara Hill, Emma Hudson, Julia Hudson, Sarah Hudson, Kaitlin Kramer, Sam Mayer-Svarczkopf, Nick Maciel, Maddy Premru, Haley Watson, Sara Woods

The Expressive Band:

Jon Frey – keyboard; Max Kowalski – drums; Nick Maciel – drums; Andrew Watson – guitar; Steve Burne – bass; Shawn McCann – piano

WELCOME ALL VISITORS. We are glad you are here. Join us for coffee and conversation after the service where you can meet our minister, Elea. Everyone here is happy to speak with you and answer any questions you may have. Please sign one of the Guest Books on the tables near the front and back entrances so we can know who you are. Be sure to indicate if you want to get emails or newsletters about events in and related to First Parish.

FIRST PARISH CHURCH

Groton, Massachusetts



Artwork by Dmitri Foster

"Be yourself because everyone else is taken"

Anonymous

Seniors in the Bridging program came up with the theme "expressing yourself." The art, music and readings in this service, as well as the seniors' reflections, explore different ways to express yourself.

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

For more information Please visit our website:

www.uugroton.org

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, multicolored fabric pouches in each pew. The service is also broadcast downstairs in the large room beneath us if children become restless.