

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

May 17, 2015

Ringing of the Bell

Bell-Ringer

Thoughts as the Service Begins:

We very often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude. (Cynthia Ozick)

Walk on a rainbow trail; walk on a trail of song, and all about you will be beauty. There is a way out of every dark mist, over a rainbow trail. (Robert Motherwell)

(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

Voluntary in d minor (William Boyce)

Call to Worship I Will Sing With the Spirit (Rutter) Adult Choir

Welcome and Announcements Andrea Mason, Worship Leader

***Hymn** This Little Light of Mine #118

Chalice Lighting

Hannah Tellier

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 Dorothy's Quest a.k.a. The Wizard of RE

Players: Jan Hadland (Dorothy), Dave Hill (Tin Man) Irv Rockwood (Lion), Loretto Roney (Scarecrow), Holly Durkin (Good Witch), Sadie Foster, Ariana Durkin, Isadora Durkin (Little People), Gregg Baker (Wizard) Elea and Karen (Narrators)

Honoring our Religious Education Volunteers

Gathering Song

Sister, Brother, take your time, go slowly
Time to gather, circle round,
Simple things are holy.

Hymn Over the Rainbow (Harburg, Arlen) insert

Anthem The Rainbow Connection (Williams, Ascher)
Children's, Youth and Adult Choirs

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

Offertory Short Voluntary in G (John Worgan)

Offertory Response *Words & Music by Sue Gleason*

Thanks be to all who freely give
Who guide us in the way to live
With generosity of heart
Inspiring us to do our part

State of the Church Address Rev. Elea Kemler

***Hymn** Rainbow Connection (reprise) insert

***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.

Postlude Trumpet Voluntary (Henry Heron)

(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.**

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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 flowers in church this morning are given by Andrea Mason in loving memory of her parents, Lester and Matty Mason.

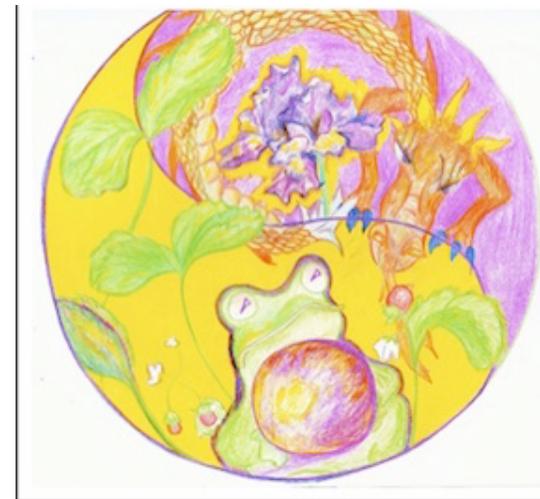
Greeters: Sal & Diane Lombardi and Suzanna Black
Ushers: June Johnson and Steve Lieman
Coffee Hour Host: Brayden Woods & Austin Edwards

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 is a Unitarian Universalist Association Welcoming Congregation. We warmly welcome members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community."

FIRST PARISH CHURCH

Groton, Massachusetts



Pastel by Lindy Haninnen

May - Grace

The simple rush of wind is a gift available to all of us for the taking. This is grace-gifts unsought and perhaps unexpected. Grace suggests that there is a benevolence in the universe, a source of love and beauty.

"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.