

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

October 18, 2015

Ringing of the Bell

Thoughts as the Service Begins:

Instructions for living a life:
Pay attention.
Be astonished.
Tell about it. (Mary Oliver)

I tell you this
to break your heart,
by which I mean only
that it break open and never close again
to the rest of the world. (Mary Oliver)

*(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 F (John Bennett)

Call to Worship Good News, The Chariot's Comin'
(spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan) Adult Choir

Welcome and Announcements Ed McNierney, Worship Leader

***Hymn** Morning Has Broken #38

Chalice Lighting Donna Nowak, Caring Committee

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.

The Dedication of Tobias Vincent Andriole-Sturm, child of
Christina Andriole and Lukas Sturm

Singing the Children and Teachers to Religious Education

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

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*Welcome! Children will gather downstairs in the Vestry – the big
room below us – to meet their teachers and join in a circle of friends.
Then each age group will go with their teachers to their classrooms.*

Candles of Celebration and Concern

*(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 into one or two sentences.)*

Anthem Invocation (May Sarton, Grace Lewis-McLaren)
Adult Choir

Come out of the dark earth
Here where the minerals glow in their stone cells
Deeper than seed or birth

Come under the strong wave
Here where the tug goes
As the tide turns and flows
Below that architrave

Come into the pure air
Above all heaviness
Of storm and cloud to this
Light possess'd atmosphere

The earth, the wave, the air,
Love touch us everywhere
With primeval candor

Reading The World I Live In by Mary Oliver
Karen G. Johnston, Intern Minister

Spoken Prayer and Silent Meditation

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Offertory Trumpet Voluntary (T.S. Dupuis)

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 Invite Wonder Rev. Elea Kemler

***Hymn** For the Earth Forever Turning #163

***Sung Benediction** #414

As we leave this friendly place,
love give light to every face.
May the kindness which we've learned,
light our hearts 'til we return.

Postlude Cornet Voluntary (William Walond)

(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!

Please sign up to donate flowers for Sunday services. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board near the Vestry kitchen.

Flowers can come from nature, your own garden or a florist. We love to see everyone's creative designs.

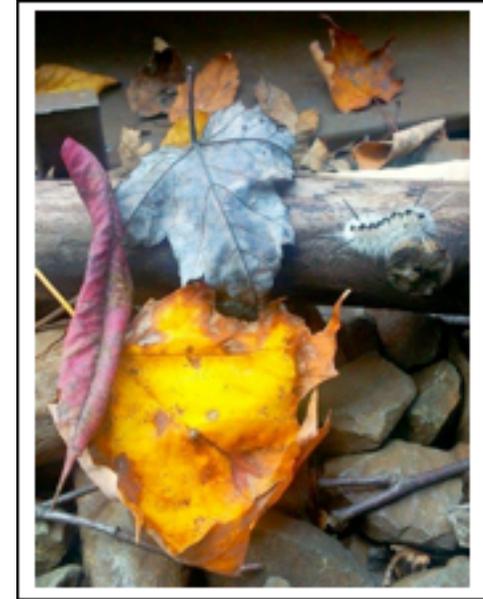
Greeters: Christine Logan, Suzanna Black and Catherine D'Arpino Clark

Ushers: Pamela Worden & Pat Fairchild

Coffee Hour Host: Austin Edwards

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Groton, Massachusetts



Fiery Leaf and Caterpillar by Alison Reiff

Pilgrimage—Responding to the Call

To journey and be transformed by the journey is to be a pilgrim. (Mark Nepo)

I long for You so much

I have even begun to travel

Where I have never been before. (Hafiz)

"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.