

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

November 8, 2015

## Ringing of the Bell

Rebecca Pike

## Thoughts as the Service Begins:

The soldier's heart, the soldier's spirit, the soldier's soul are everything. Unless the soldier's soul sustains them, they cannot be relied on and will fail themselves and their country in the end. (General George Marshall)

Being self-aware means paying attention to the ways we shield ourselves from painful truths, deny the real horror of warfare, and morally disengage from the consequences of our actions. Yet in order to prepare our souls and care for our souls we need to pay attention to the human cost of war.

(Rev. Chris Antal, UU minister, Army Chaplain)

*(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

Trumpet Voluntary (William Goodwin)

## Call to Worship

Where Do We Come From  
(Paul Gaugin, Brian Tate) Children's Choir

## Welcome and Announcements

Ed McNierney, Worship Leader

## \*Hymn For the Earth Forever Turning

#163

## Chalice Lighting

Kevin Pammett & Nanci Phelan

## 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

Pocket Full Of Miracles (Carl Strommen)  
Children's Choir

## 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 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.)*

## First Reading

Congressional Proclamation June 4, 1926  
Armistice Day read by Laura Scolnick

## Second Reading

Return by Rev. George Tyger

## Spoken Prayer and Silent Meditation

## Offertory

Adagio (John Bennett)

## 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.

## Reflections on Veterans in Two Voices

Karen G. Johnston, Intern Minister

Rev. Elea Kemler

## \*Hymn

This is My Song

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## \*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.

*(Continued on Back Cover)*

## Postlude

Voluntary in a minor (William Boyce)

*(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!*

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Fall grasses today are given by Owen Shuman and a friend.

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Greeters: Diane Hewitt & The Grosso/Sturm family

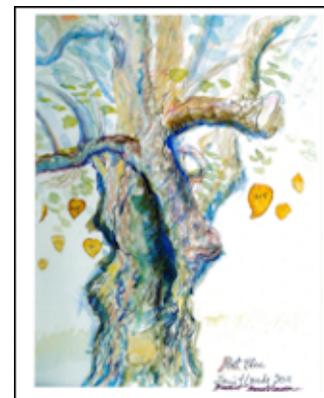
Ushers: Jackie Frey & Bernadette Dureault

Coffee Hour Host: 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 CHURCH

Groton, Massachusetts



*Lost in Art by Hatzy Hornblower*

## Pilgrimage—Making the Way by Walking

Journeying god,  
Pitch your tent with mine  
So that I may not become deterred  
By hardship, strangeness, doubt.  
Show me the movement I must make  
Toward a wealth not dependent on possessions,  
Toward a wisdom not based on books,  
Toward a strength not bolstered by might,  
Toward a god not confined to heaven.  
Help me find myself as I walk in others' shoes. (Kathy Comston)

*"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](http://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.