

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

May 1, 2016

- Ringing of the Bell** Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer
- A Thought as the Service Begins** Holly Estes
- We pray to stir the waters, and agitate the sleepers of the world, who would rather justify injustice than fight against it. And give the people- the young warriors and crying mothers and broken fathers- the courage to accept nothing less than life. Help us to stand for truth, justice, and righteousness. Give us courage to make our witness against injustice in deep and abiding love.
- Pastor Renita Marie  
Adapted from A Collective Prayer For Ferguson
- (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** Jeremiah's Fire! (Rollo Dilworth)  
-Groton Dunstable Chamber Chorus
- Call to Worship** The Conversion of Saul (Z. Randall Stroope)  
-Groton Dunstable Chamber Chorus
- Welcome and Announcements** Karen Goudey, worship leader
- \*Hymn** We Shall Not Be Moved (insert)
- Chalice & Sabbatical Candle Lighting** Owen Shuman
- 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** Owen Shuman

## 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  
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- Anthem** Peze Kafe (Sten Kallman)  
- Groton Dunstable Chamber Chorus
- Sermonette** It was Designed that Way Sarah Iacobucci
- Reading** A selection from "American Apartheid"  
Edythe Salzman
- Sermonette** Building a Moral Compass Jack Wool
- Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation** June Johnson
- Offertory** Nox Aurumque (Eric Whitacre)  
-Groton Dunstable Chamber Chorus
- 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.
- Sermonette** Where do we go from here? Steve Boczenowski
- \*Hymn** Building a New Way #1017
- \*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** Morning Praises (Jason Shelton)
- (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 until the last candle is lit.)*
- (Continued on Back Cover)*

**\*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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Flowers are given by Owen Shuman to honor all who work for Justice.

*"Never forget, Justice is what love looks like in public"--Cornel West*

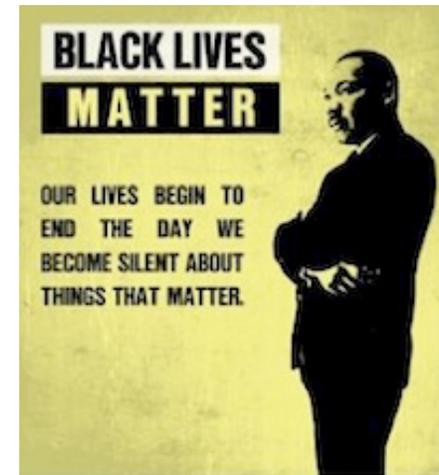
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Greeters: Dave Hill, Kim Hapgood-White and  
Liz Podsiadlo, Jacob & Hannah  
Ushers: Beverly Smith and Jen Hapgood-White  
Coffee Hour Host: Austin Edwards



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Groton, Massachusetts



## MAY-

We arrive at the ground at our feet and learn to be home.  
(Wendell Berry)

‘How will I know when I have reached the destination?’  
...Perhaps the truth is that we never arrive, not because the journey is too long and too difficult but because we have been there all along...It is a paradox, I know, but perhaps we are traveling most faithfully when we know ourselves to be most at home. (Judith E. Smith)

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