

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

May 22, 2016

Ringing of the Bell

Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

Thought as the Service Begins

May your soul be at home where there are no houses.
Walk carefully, well loved one.
Walk mindfully, well loved one.
Walk fearlessly, well loved one.
Return with us, return to us, be always coming home.

Ursula K. LeGuin

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

Prelude

Sonate (Donizetti) – Paul Funch, flute

Call to Worship

Peace, Salaam, Shalom
(Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow)-Youth Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Karen G. Johnston, Worship Leader

*Hymn

There's a River Flowing in My Soul #1007

Chalice Lighting

Sophie Clark & Sadie Foster

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.

Presentation of Coming of Age Candidates

Dmitri Foster, mentored by Gregg Baker
Catherine Donovan, mentored by Deb Boczenowski
Maddy Premru, mentored by Kathryn Ellis Moore
Sara Woods, mentored by Susan Hughes
Lara Hill, mentored by Pat Lawrence
Matthew Liliedahl, mentored by Jay Lawrence
Charlie Peterson, mentored by Steve Lieman
Nick Maciel, mentored by Michael Roberts
Sam Mayer Svarczkopf, mentored by Lukas Sturm
Jessica Liliedahl, mentored by Pamela Worden

Fist Bump Blessing Parade

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.

(Children through fifth grade will go to religious education today. Middle Matters and older will stay in the sanctuary.)

Honoring of Mentors

Credo Statements, Part I

Maddy Premru, Dmitri Foster, Jessica Liliedahl

(Please hold all applause until after the Community Blessing!)

Musical Interlude

Credo Statements, Part II

Sam Mayer Svarczkopf, Matt Liliedahl

(Please hold all applause until after the Community Blessing!)

Anthem

Home (Greg Holden and Drew Pearson)-Youth Choir

Credo Statements, Part III

Lara Hill, Charlie Peterson, Catherine Donovan

(Please hold all applause until after the Community Blessing!)

Musical Interlude

Credo Statements, Part IV

Sara Woods and Nick Maciel

(Please hold all applause until after the Community Blessing!)

Offertory

Cantabile from Sonata in G (Telemann)
–Paul Funch, flute

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.

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