

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

October 30, 2016

Ringing of the Bell

Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins:

For Those Who Walked With Us by Jan Richardson

For those who walked with us,
this is a prayer.

For those who have gone ahead,
this is a blessing.

For those who touched and tended us,
who lingered with us
while they lived,
this is a thanksgiving.

For those who journey still with us
in the shadows of awareness,
in the crevices of memory,
in the landscape of our dreams,
this is a benediction.

*(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 A minor (anonymous, 18th century)

Call to Worship Dona Nobis Pacem (traditional Latin)
– Adult Choir

Welcome and Announcements Gregg Baker, Worship Leader

***Hymn** What Wondrous Love #18

Chalice Lighting Christina Rogers

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

Singing the Children and Teachers to Religious Education

Time To Rise And Go Out (*Lucy Holstedt*)

Time to rise and go out. Time to rise and go out.

Go in wonder, Go to discover. Time to rise and go out.

Time to rise and go out. You are the treasure, you are the future.

Time to rise and go out. Where you go, our love goes with you.

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 meeting space.

Anthem In Remembrance (Eleanor Daley) –Adult Choir

Reading Fragile Roses by Ernestine Clark
read by Michelle Stiller in honor of Brynne Elizabeth Kurmas

Offertory In Nomine (Richard Alwood)

Offertory Response

(Words & music: Barbara J. Rich; transcribed by Shawn McCann)

They tell us just give what you can
They tell us be a blessing to the world
How in the world do we do all that?
Maybe just by showing up
Maybe just be slowing down

They tell us take care of each other
They tell us take care of yourself
How can we be who we really are?
Maybe just be showing up
Maybe just by slowing down

Remembering Roger Benson Kathy Parliament Benson

Calling of the Names of the Beloved Rev. Elea Kemler

***Hymn** Comfort Me #1002, turquoise

***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 Voluntary in D minor (Samuel Long)

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Groton, Massachusetts



Artwork by Rachel Benson

(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.

Join us downstairs for good food and conversation immediately following the service!

Today's flowers are donated by Anne Bohan to celebrate Amelia Luening's 12th Birthday.

The art on the altar today is by Rachel Benson.

Greeters: Alyssa & Matt Dallas and Paula Bogdanoff
Ushers: Bernadette Dureault and Jackie Frey
Coffee Hour Host: Jacob Tessier

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS. We are so glad you are here. Join us for coffee, tea and conversation after the service in the Vestry, the large room beneath us, where you can meet our minister Rev. Elea Kemler and visit the Welcome Table to learn more about us. 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 and send you the monthly print newsletter and weekly emails about life at First Parish.

WE NOW HAVE AN OFFICIAL HASHTAG: #UUGROTON. Please consider using this when posting about our church and its good works on all social media

First Parish Church is a Welcoming Congregation. We joyfully welcome all!

Active Hope—The Journey Toward Justice

Once you have glimpsed the world as it might be, as it ought to be, as it's going to be (however that vision appears to you), it is impossible to live compliant and complacent anymore in the world as it is...and so you come out and walk out and march, the way a flower comes out and blooms, because it has no other calling. It has no other work. (Victoria Safford, White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church, MN)

"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 and our Facebook page at First Parish Church of Groton, MA

A Warm Welcome to All!

There is childcare for infants and toddlers through age three 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 and picture books in each pew. The service is also broadcast downstairs in the large room beneath us if anyone needs to take a break.