

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

November 20, 2016

## Ringing of the Bell

Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

## A Thought as the Service Begins:

And the table will be wide.  
And the welcome will be wide.  
And the arms will open wide to gather us in.  
And our hearts will open wide to receive.  
And we will come as children who trust there is enough.  
And we will come unhindered and free.

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.  
And we will turn toward each other without fear.  
And we will give up our appetite for despair.  
And we will taste and know of delight.  
And we will become bread for a hungry world.  
And we will become drink for those who thirst.  
And the blessed will become the blessing.  
And everywhere will be the feast. (Jan Richardson)

*(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 (Henry Heron)

**Call to Worship** Love, Be Our Way (Carolyn McDade) Adult Choir

**Welcome and Announcements** Amy Grosso, Worship Leader

**\*Hymn** If I Had a Hammer (Pete Seeger and Lee Hays) *insert*

**Chalice Lighting** Kevin Pammatt

**Response Hymn** Carolyn McDade,  
Spanish trans. Rev. Lilia Cuervo and Ervin Barrios

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

Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.  
Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.  
Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;  
Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida.  
Arráigame, libérame,  
Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

## A Time For All Generations

**Anthem** The Gift of Love (Hal Hopson) Adult Choir

## Neighborhood Love Notes

**Offertory and Reverse Offering** Air (Samuel Wesley)

*Today's offering will support our Sandwich Making Service for local shelters on Sunday, Jan 1 and Groton Community Dinners. The mission of GCD is to provide nourishment and strengthen the bonds of community through a free community-wide dinner held at First Parish on the last Friday of every month. Visit [www.grotoncommunitydinners.org](http://www.grotoncommunitydinners.org) to learn more and come this Friday, 5:45 – 7 pm for the annual Pasta and Pie Dinner!*

**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.

**\*Hymn** Somos El Barco (Lorre Wyatt) *insert*

## Around Our Grateful Table

*Children: Why do we feed each other?*

Adults and Youth: We feed each other because we are connected. We feed each other to remember that we need to both give and receive.

*Children: What do we feed each other?*

Adults and Youth: We feed each other bread as a symbol of our care and compassion for one another. We feed each other bread as a symbol of our hope and determination that, someday, all people will have enough.

*Children: When do we feed each other?*

Adults and Youth: We feed each other whenever we gather in community, when strangers become our friends, and when we work together to be a blessing to the world.

*Children: How do we feed each other?*

Adults: We feed each other by offering each other kindness. We feed each other by sharing our sorrow and our joy. We feed each other by choosing love over hatred. We feed each other by welcoming everyone to our table.

### Passing of Bread

*When I breathe in, I'll breathe in peace.  
When I breathe out, I'll breathe out love.*

*From you I receive, to you I give,  
Together we share, and from this we live.*

### Blessing

**\*Hymn** This Land is Your Land (Woody Guthrie) insert

**\*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** Drumming –Karen Zimmerman and Kara & Kaitlin Kramer

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

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Flowers for this Sunday's Service are donated in loving memory of Beatrice C. Synnott from her daughter Marcia Synnott and son Thomas Synnott.

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Greeters: John Appleton, Laura Williams and Suzanne Nelson  
Ushers: Diane Lombardi and Pat Fairchild  
Coffee Hour Host: Sam Mayer Svarczkopf

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH

Groton, Massachusetts



*Lake Garda, Italy by Mary Jennings*

Coming from Gratitude

“Many times a day I realize how much my own life is built on the labors of my fellowmen, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received.” --Albert Einstein

“Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts.”--Henri Frederic Amiel

*“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) 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.