

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

May 28, 2017

## Ringing of the Bell

Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

### A Thought as the Service Begins:

The Creator wants us to drum.  
He wants us to corrupt the world with drum, dance and chants.  
After all, we have already corrupted the world with power and greed,  
Which hasn't gotten us anywhere.  
Now's the time to corrupt the world with drum, dance and chants.  
(Babatunde Olatunji)

*(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

Dave Curry

Idé weré weré nita ochun  
Idé weré weré  
Idé weré weré nita ochun  
Idé weré weré nita ya  
Ocha kiniba, nita ochun  
Cheké cheké cheké  
Nita ya  
Ide weré weré...

*(from the Yoruba people of West Africa; this song  
refers to a "necklace of love; Ochun is a Goddess)*

## Welcome and Announcements

Sal Lombardi, Worship Leader

### \*Hymn

Gathered Here

Gathered here in the mystery of the hour  
Gathered here in one strong body  
Gathered here in the struggle and the power  
Spirit draw near

## Chalice Lighting

Patrick Hughes

### Response Hymn

*(please remain seated)*

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Spanish trans. Rev. Lilia Cuervo and Ervin Barrios

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.

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

I've got peace like a river in my soul  
I've got strength like an anchor in my soul  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul

## Drumming the Children and Teachers to Religious Education

*(Middle Matters and older will stay in the sanctuary. Children are  
invited to a Game and Art Sunday downstairs.)*

## 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.)*

Let the flame be kindled within me  
Let your love burn bright  
I hunger for your light  
I hunger for your light

## Responsive Reading

Leader: It is our quiet time

People: We do not speak because the voices are within us

Leader: It is our quiet time

People: We do not walk because the earth is all within us

Leader: It is our quiet time

People: We do not dance because the music has lifted us  
to a place where the spirit is

Leader: It is our quiet time

People: We rest with all of nature

Leader: We wake when the seven sisters wake

People: We greet them in the sky over the opening of the kiva

## Drum Meditation

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*Artwork by Kailin Kramer*

“stay strong through your pain  
grow flowers from it...  
bloom beautifully  
dangerously  
loudly  
bloom softly  
however you need  
just bloom”  
(Rupi Kaur)

*“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.

## Offertory

**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.

## Congregational Drumming

### Closing Chant

### Spoken Benediction

The spirit of the drum is something that you feel but cannot put your hands on.

It does something to you from the inside out.

It hits people in so many different ways.

But the feeling is one that is satisfying and joyful.

It is a feeling that makes you say to yourself,

I'm glad to be alive today!

I'm glad to be a part of this world! (Babatunde Olatunji)

### \*Postlude

*(You are invited to stand, clap and dance during the Postlude today! You are also invited to come to the front of the church and light a candle silently. 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.**

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

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Flowers today are donated by Bernadette and Jackie Dureault in memory of our dad, Joseph.

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Greeters: Suzanne Nelson, Deb & Steve Boczenowski

Ushers: Carol Sarasin and Pat Fairchild

Coffee Hour Host: Jacob Tessier