

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

June 4, 2017

## Ringing of the Bell

Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

## A Thought as the Service Begins:

And you—what of your rushed  
and useful life? Imagine setting it all down—  
papers, plans, appointments, everything—  
leaving only a note: “Gone  
to the fields to be lovely. Be back  
when I’m through with blooming.” (Lynn Ungar)

*(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** Pure Imagination (Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley)

**Call to Worship** Bare Necessities (Terry Gilkyson) Open Choir

**Welcome and Announcements** Laura Williams, Worship Leader

**\*Hymn** For the Earth Forever Turning #163

**Chalice Lighting** Sal Lombardi

**Response Hymn** *(please remain seated)* #123  
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

**Thanking and Blessing the Religious Education Volunteers**, with  
the help of the Trustees, children and youth

**Anthem** Imagine (John Lennon) Open Choir

## Singing the Children and Teachers to Religious Education

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

## 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 just one or two sentences.)*

**Offertory** Love Will Come (Vince Guaraldi)  
*Donna Nowak will announce the offering which is for the ministry of  
the Caring Committee.*

**Offertory Response** *(Words: Barbara Rich and 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.

## Spoken Prayer and Silent Meditation

**Message** Wake Up, Give Thanks, Sing Rev. Elea Kemler

**\*Hymn** One More Step #168

**\*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** Ashokan Farewell (Jay Ungar)

*(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.*

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

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Flowers this morning are donated by Anne McGinty in thanks to all the people who ran the religious education program this year.

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Greeters: John Appleton, Dawn Sajdyk and Suzanne Nelson  
Ushers: Pat Fairchild and Claudette Williams  
Coffee Hour Host: Dmitri Foster

**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. Look for anyone holding a blue mug at coffee hour. They will have happy to answer any questions you have or speak with you about our community.

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

## FIRST PARISH CHURCH

Groton, Massachusetts



*Artwork by Susan Beers*

When you learn, teach.  
When you get, give.  
(Maya Angelou)

*"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.