

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

June 11, 2017

Ringing of the Bell

Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

Thought as the Service Begins:

Believe this conversation has not stopped.

Believe this love still lives—

the love that crossed an impossible distance
to reach you, to find you,
to take your face into its hands and bless you.

Believe this does not end— that the gesture,
once enacted, endures.

Believe this love goes on—

that it still takes your face into its hands,
that it presses its forehead to yours as it speaks to you...
that it has never ceased to gather your heart into its heart.

Believe this blessing abides.

Believe it goes with you always. (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

Voluntary I (John Alcock)

Call to Worship

Now Let Us Sing (traditional) Adult Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Betty Keddy, Worship Leader

Special Greeting led by 5th Spirit Explorers

*Hymn

Give Light (Artzner, Leonino)

1. Give light, and people will find the way (x3)
People will find the way I do believe
2. Teach peace...
3. Stand together...
4. Reach out...
5. Give love...
6. Sing out...
7. Give light...

Chalice Lighting

Suzanne Nelson

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

Celebrating the Spirit Explorers Milestone

led by Sherry Spaulding

Anthem

The Farthest Field (David Dodson;
arr. Mark David Buckles) -Adult Choir; soloists: Nancy Karuzis,
Michelle Stiller, Steve Boczenowski, Kathryn Ellis-Moore

The Dedication and Naming of Mary Rose Marshall

child of Meg and Eric Marshall

Offertory

Four Piano Blues #3 "Muted" (Aaron Copland)

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.

The Turning of the Wheel of the Year

*Hymn

Let the Life I Lead

1. Let the life I lead speak for me
Let the life I lead speak for me
When I've come to the end of the road
And I've lay down my heavy load
Let the life I lead speak for me
2. Let the friends I have...3. Let the work I do...
3. Let the love I share... 4. Let the songs I sing

***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 Allegro (G. F. Handel)

(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!

Flowers this morning are donated by the Hill-Ingram family in honor of Kira Hill's graduation from Parker Charter Essential School!

Greeters: John Appleton and Owen Shuman
Ushers: Pat Fairchild and Jacqueline Frey
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 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.