

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

September 10, 2017

Ringing of the Bell

Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins:

We gather, from the ebb and flow of our lives
Thirsty for connection to ourselves
Thirsty for connection to others
Thirsty for connection to the larger life.
May all who gather here
on this new morning, at the start of this new year,
be filled:
Filled with hope
Filled with compassion
Filled with gratitude for all that is good
Filled with yearning to share that goodness with all.
Here, at this deep well, may we be filled.
So that we will pour ourselves out
into the world. (Gregory Pelley, adapted by Elea Kemler)

(We ask that you put your electronic devices in “worship mode” by turning off all ringers. Please also turn off the flash on your camera. Join us in a time of quiet during the prelude.)

Prelude Var. from Organ Concerto Set 1, Op. 4, No. 1 (G.F. Handel)

Call to Worship This Old World (Converse) Adult Choir

Welcome and Announcements Donna Nowak, Worship Leader

***Hymn** There’s a River Flowin’ in My Soul #1007 turquoise

(All children and youth are invited to help return the chalice to our Sanctuary! Please gather in the center aisle at the beginning of the hymn if you would like to help pass the chalice forward.)

Words for Chalice Lighting

Adults/Youth: *We learn from the sea how to hold this light.*
Children: Gently, lightly, we hold this light.
Adults/Youth: *This light says, “Love exists in as many ways as there are angles of the sun on the ocean.”*
Children: Gently, lightly, we hold this light.
Adults/Youth: *This light says, “Love exists in as many ways as there are beating hearts in this room.”*

Children: Gently, lightly, we hold this light.

Adults/Youth: *This room is filled with light.*

Children: Gently, lightly, we hold this light.

Adults/Youth: *Our chalice holds our light. Its warmth and brightness are the strength and comfort of this place.*

Children: Gently, lightly, we hold this light.

ALL: *May the light of love shine here. May we bring this love into the world. We light the chalice for love.*

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.

Anthem Prayer Chant (We Resist) (M. Miller)

Adult Choir

A Time for All Generations

Offertory

Amazing Grace (traditional, arr. Clif Hardin)

Today’s offering is for the Hurricane Harvey Recovery Fund, created jointly by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Checks should be made to First Parish Church of Groton with Hurricane Fund in the memo line.

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.

