

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

October 22, 2017

Ringing of the Bell

Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins:

What I want is so simple I almost can't say it: elementary kindness. (Barbara Kingsolver)

We imagine a world where war is not present, where innocence does not combine with chaos and where dictatorship does not interfere with hope...

We imagine a world where problems are solved without war or violence

We imagine a world where women live freely

We imagine a world where everyone has clean water and warm shelter

We imagine a world where children are not forced to fight in wars

We imagine a world where Mother Nature and Father Sky are reunited, where waste is not wasted and where the abundance of life remains fresh and new..

We imagine a world where everyone is healthy and safe

We imagine a world where disability does not disable...

We imagine a world where no one cares about religious choices or orientation

We imagine a world where hope, love and peace are present forever.
(Youth of First Parish Church, 2013)

(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

Voluntary V (John Alcock)

Call to Worship: We Will Walk Together (Clif Hardin) - Open Choir

Welcome and Announcements: Gregg Baker, Worship Leader

*Hymn

Imagine (John Lennon)

Imagine there's no heaven, it's easy if you try
No hell below us, above us only sky
Imagine all the people, living for today....

Imagine there's no countries, it isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for, and no religion too
Imagine all the people, living life in peace

You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us, and the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions, I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger, a brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people sharing all the world

You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us, and the world will be as one

Chalice Lighting

Trevor Frey and Steve Lieman
2009-2010 Coming of Age Youth and Mentor pair

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.

The Opening Ceremony for the Coming of Age of:

Trudy Burnham, mentored by Meg Marshall

Luke Benedict, mentored by Greg Premru

Izzy Conners, mentored by Kathy Parliment Benson

Cameron Hadlund, mentored by John Appleton

Julia Hudson, mentored by Sarah Iacobucci

Sarah Hudson, mentored by Lauren Tellier

Olivia Logan, mentored by Holly Estes

Jacob Podsiadlo, mentored by Gregg Baker

Isabel Stanley-Kemler, mentored by Joni Parker-Roach

Jai Santoro, mentored by Jen Hapgood-White

Sarah Stram, mentored by Marge Kimpton

Ivan Sturm, mentored by James Moisson

Jacob Tessier, mentored by David Kimpton

Trent Tessier, mentored by Jim Keydel

Anthem Prayer Chant (We Resist) (Mark Miller) Open Choir

Reading Sorta Correct by Barbara Rich

Offertory Largo (John Keeble)

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.

Sermon Kind World Continues Rev. Elea Kemler

***Hymn** Lean on Me #1021, turquoise

***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 Cornet Voluntary (John Travers)

(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. Come up one of the side aisles, light your candle and return to your seat by the center aisle. Or if mobility is difficult, just go the shortest route! We ask the congregation to remain seated in quiet until the last candle is lit. If you are not able to stay, please leave quietly.)

***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, 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!

The flowers in church this morning are given by Jane Fry in celebration of her firstborn's birthday, Mary

Greeters: John Appleton, Dawn Sajdyk, Suzanne Nelson
Coffee Hour Hosts: Dmitri Foster, Jacob Tessier, Kiernan DeMeis-Dullea

FIRST PARISH CHURCH

Groton, Massachusetts



"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 4 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 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 during the service.