

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

November 19, 2017

## Ringing of the Bell

Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

## A Thought as the Service Begins:

And the table will be wide.  
And the welcome will be wide.  
And arms will open wide to gather us in.  
And our hearts will open wide to receive.  
And we will come as children who trust there is enough.  
And we will come unhindered and free.  
And our aching will be met with bread.

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.  
And we will turn toward each other without fear.  
And we will give up our appetite for despair.  
And we will taste and know of delight.  
And we will become bread for a hungry world.  
And we will become drink for those who thirst.  
And the blessed will become the blessing.  
And everywhere will be the feast. (Jan Richardson)

*(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** We Gather Together (trad. arr. Clif Hardin)

**Call to Worship** The Lone, Wild Bird (trad. Arr. Alf Houkum)  
Adult Choir

**Welcome and Announcements:** Jackie Dureault and Donna Nowak,  
Worship Leaders

**\*Hymn** If I Had a Hammer (Pete Seeger and Lee Hays) Insert

**Chalice Lighting** Annie McGinty

**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 Dedication of Georgiana Frances Hope Bresnahan and Simon Muir Bresnahan**, children of Laura Warner and John Bresnahan

**Anthem** Go Not Far From Me, O God (N. Zingarelli) Adult Choir

## A Time for All Generations

**\*Hymn** Somos El Barco (Lorre Wyatt)

Chorus:  
Somos el barco, somos el mar,  
Yo navego en ti, tu navegas en mí.  
We are the boat, we are the sea, I sail in you, you sail in me.

The stream sings it to the river, the river sings it to the sea  
The sea sings it to the boat that carries you and me  
Chorus

The boat we are sailing in was built by many hands  
And the sea we are sailing on, it touches every land  
Chorus

So with our hopes we set the sails and face the winds once more  
And with our hearts we chart the waters never sailed before  
Chorus

**Offertory and Reverse Offering** On Your Way Home (Enya)

*Today's offering will support Groton Community Dinners as well as our Lunch Making Service for local shelters on Sunday, Dec. 31. The mission of GCD is to provide nourishment and strengthen the bonds of community through a free community-wide dinner held at First Parish on the last Friday of every month. All are welcome this Friday, 5:45 – 7 pm for Pasta and Pie!*

**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.

