

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

February 4, 2018

Ringing of the Bell

Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins:

If we have any hope of transforming the world and changing ourselves,
we must be
bold enough to step into our discomfort,
brave enough to be clumsy there,
loving enough to forgive ourselves and others.

May we, as a people of faith, be granted the strength to be
so bold,
so brave,
and so loving. (Joseph M Cherry, Prayer for Living in Tension)

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.

If you would like to have your joy or sorrow included in today's prayer, please write it on a candle card and put the card in the offertory box during the offering. There is also a basket on the candle table at the front of the sanctuary and you can put your card there any time before the prayer.

Prelude Allegro Assai from Sonata in D minor (C.P.E Bach)

Call to Worship We Are (Ysaye Barnwell) Adult Choir

Welcome and Announcements Carol Swift, Worship Leader

***Hymn** We Are #1051, turquoise

Chalice Lighting June Johnson

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

A Time for All Generations Grandma's Records by Eric Velasquez
Jen Hapgood-White

Anthem Prayer Chant (We Resist) (Mark Miller) Adult 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

Reading Waiting by Rev. Marta Valentin read by Edythe Salzman

Offertory Prelude from Suite No. 5 (Henry Purcell)

Today's offering is for Unidos por Puerto Rico, an organization working directly with organizations on the ground in Puerto Rico. Checks should be made out to First Parish Church of Groton with Puerto Rico in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Response (Barbara Rich, Joshua Rich)

Today we give our time
Our compassion, wit and song
Every day 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 Rev. Elea Kemler

Sermons Systemic and Systematic Sarah Iacobucci
Walking Each Other Home, Remix Alison Chase

***Hymn** Answering the Call of Love #1014, turquoise

***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 Sonata K.312 (W.A. Mozart)
(Please remain seated during the Postlude. You are also invited to come light a candle silently during this time. We ask the congregation to remain seated in quiet until the last candle. 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, please place it one of the recycle baskets at the sanctuary exits.

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

Greeters: Pamela Worden, Charles Foucher, Suzanne Nelson
Ushers: Claudette Williams, Pat Fairchild
Coffee Hour Hosts: Dmitri Foster, Jacob Tessier, Kiernan DeMeis-Dullea

Today's service is being led by the Racial Justice Ministry Team. They will be hosting a book and information table downstairs during Coffee Hour and encourage you to stop by and visit them there to learn more.

FIRST PARISH CHURCH

Groton, Massachusetts



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“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.