

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

March 4, 2018

## Ringing of the Bell

Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

## A Thought as the Service Begins:

Courage is possible in community. When you find yourself afraid and you don't know if you can survive it: Close your eyes and breathe and remember the ones who love you. Love will make you brave.

(Valarie Kaur)

*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 rather than lighting a spoken candle, 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 upfront and you can put your card there any time before the prayer.*

## Prelude

Etude (Opus 25) (Chopin)

**Call to Worship** Everyday Blessings (Annie Garretson) Open Choir

**Welcome and Announcements** Cyndy Premru, Worship Leader

**\*Hymn** Morning Has Come #1000, turquoise

**Chalice Lighting** Amy Grosso

**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

**Anthem** One Small World (Lucy Holstedt) Open Choir

## Singing the Children, Youth 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

## Spoken Candles of Celebration and Concern

*You are invited to come forward, introduce yourself, share a personal and heartfelt joy or sorrow in a sentence or two, light your candle from the chalice and place it on the candle table. Please take a moment to gather your thoughts into one or two sentences.*

## Offertory

Pastorale (Charles Wesley)

## 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.

## Sung Prayer There is a Love (Parker, Norton)

There is a love holding me.  
There is a love holding all that I love.  
There is a love holding all. I rest in this love.

There is a love holding us.  
There is a love holding all that we love.  
There is a love holding all. We rest in this love.

## Spoken Prayer and Silent Meditation

Sermon Love Makes Us Brave Rev. Elea Kemler

\*Hymn There is More Love Somewhere #95

\*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 Trumpet voluntary (John Bennett)

*(You are invited to come light a candle silently during the Postlude.  
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.*

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

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Greeters: Greg and Maddy Premru, Suzanne Nelson  
Ushers: Pat Fairchild, Claudette Williams  
Coffee Hour Hosts: Dmitri Foster, Jacob Tessier, Kiernan DeMeis-  
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**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. Look for anyone holding a blue mug at coffee hour. They will be 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 Shepard Fairey

“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](http://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.