

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

March 11, 2018

Ringing of the Bell Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

Thoughts as the Service Begins:

Extremists have shown what frightens them most: a girl with a book.
(Malala Yousafzai)

There are still many causes worth sacrificing for, so much history yet to be made.
(Michelle Obama)

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 Prelude and Fugue in c minor (J.S. Bach)

Call to Worship May We Shine A Light of Love (Joyce Poley)
Children's Choir

Welcome and Announcements Gregg Baker, Worship Leader

***Hymn** Give Light (Artzner, Leonino)

1. Give light, and people will find the way (x3)
People will find the way I do believe
2. Teach peace...
3. Stand together...
4. Sing out...
5. Give light...

Chalice Lighting Carol Bousquet

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 Keepers of the Earth (Joyce Poley) Children's 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 Fughetta in C (Dietrich Buxtehude)

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 Meditation on Breathing (Sarah Dan Jones)

When I breathe in, I'll breathe in hope.

When I breathe out, I'll breathe out love.

Spoken Prayer and Silent Meditation

Sermon A Thousand Prayers of Hope Rev. Elea Kemler

***Hymn** Let the Life I Lead Speak For Me

1. Let the life I lead speak for me
Let the life I lead speak for me
When I've come to the end of the road
And I've lay down my heavy load
Let the life I lead speak for me
2. Let the friends I have...
3. Let the work I do...
4. Let the love I share...
5. Let the songs I sing

***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 Allegro from Sonata Op. 7 in E flat major (Beethoven)

*(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.*

The flowers are given today by Steve and Deb Boczenowski in honor
of their children's March birthdays.

Greeters: Kathy Parliament Benson, Carol Sarasin, Matt and Alyssa
Dallas

Ushers: Pat Fairchild, June Johnson

Coffee Hour Hosts: Dmitri Foster, Jacob Tessier, Kiernan DeMeis-
Dullea

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 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.