

**FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON**

April 15, 2018

**Ringing of the Bell**

Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

**A Thought as the Service Begins:**

I lift my eyes up to the hills  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from Love abundant. (Alicia R. Forde)

What is love? Answer the question through a story about the last time you saw it. (Krista Tippett)

*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** Berceuse (Philippe Gaubert) Paul Funch, flute

**Welcome and Announcements** Betty Keddy, Worship Leader

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

**Chalice Lighting** Trish Garrigan

**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.  
Arrágame, 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**

**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** Giga (Antonio Vivaldi) Paul Funch, flute

**Offertory Response** (Words: Barbara Rich and Joshua Rich)

Today we give our time  
Our compassion, wit and song  
Everyday 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** Walking Each Other Home (Munger, Threshold Choir)

*We are all just walking each other home. (repeat x3)*

**Spoken Prayer and Silent Meditation**

**Sermon** Critical Yeast Rev. Elea Kemler

**Special Music** Meditation from Thais (Jules Massenet)  
Paul Funch, flute

\*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    Valse, Op. 69, No. 2 (Frederic Chopin)    Paul Funch, flute

*(You are invited to come light a candle silently for your own joys, sorrows and prayers during the Postlude. 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**

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*Large Print Hymnals, Sunday Bulletins and Assisted Listening Devices are available at the sanctuary doors. Join us downstairs for good food and conversation immediately following the service!*

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Greeters: Carol Bousquet, Paul Boisvert, John Appleton  
Ushers: Suzanne Nelson, Pat Fairchild  
Coffee Hour Host: Dmitri Foster, Jacob Tessier, Kiernan DeMeis-Dullea, Isabel Conners

**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



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### **What We Love About First Parish**

***“I am moved to tears and/or goosebumps every Sunday. It feels like I get my weekly spiritual vitamin each week.” -Quote from returned Pledge Form 2018***

*“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.