

**FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON**

May 13, 2018

**Ringing of the Bell** Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

**Thoughts as the Service Begins:**

The world is too beautiful to be praised by only one voice.  
May you have the courage to sing your part.  
The world is too broken to be healed by only one set of hands.  
May you have the courage to use your gifts. (E. Williams)

We are approaching a great and common tenderness (Pablo Neruda)

*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** Sonata in G Major, Allegro (Sammartini)  
The Ladies of Summer

**Call to Worship** A New Day (Agens V. Paulsen) Children's Choir

**Welcome and Announcements** Sal Lombardi, Worship Leader

\*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. 5. Let the songs I sing

**Chalice Lighting**

Laura Warner

**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** Magic Bells (Mozart) 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.*

**Reading** The Mother's Day Proclamation by Julia Ward Howe,  
read by Lindy Hanninen, Katie Hanninen and Trudy Burnham

**Offertory** Divertimento #3, Rondo Allegro Assai (Mozart)  
The Ladies of Summer

**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**

**Sermon** A Great and Common Tenderness Rev. Elea Kemler

**\*Hymn** Blue Boat Home #1064, 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 in F Major, Allegro/Adagio/Allegro  
(Sammartini) – The Ladies of Summer  
*(You are invited to come light a candle silently during the Postlude.  
We ask the congregation to remain seated in quiet witness until the  
last candle. If you are not able to stay, please leave as quietly as you  
are able.)*

**\*Please stand as you are able**

*Large Print Hymnals, Sunday Bulletins and Assisted Listening Devices  
are available at the sanctuary doors.*

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The flowers are donated today by Laura and Jack Wool in memory of  
June Johnson.

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Greeters: Deb Boczenowski, Stephanie and Matthew Emmons  
Ushers: Ellen Allen, Suzanne Nelson  
Coffee Hour Hosts: Dmitri Foster, Jacob Tessier, Kiernan DeMeis-  
Dullea

Special Thanks Today to The Ladies of Summer: Sue Gleason (flute),  
Nancy Burdine (oboe), Betsy Ginsberg (bassoon) and Loretto Roney  
(piano)

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH

Groton, Massachusetts



## What We Love About First Parish

**“The fact that this church experience helped our children deeply  
internalize their values, and now express them in the wider world.”  
– 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 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.