

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

May 20, 2018

Ringing of the Bell

Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

Thoughts as the Service Begins:

One in every 122 people are displaced on this earth. What can we say to them - we cannot find any room for you in this vast land of ours or in our hearts? (Joshua Leach, UU Service Committee)

Love your neighbor as yourself. (found in multiple places in the Hebrew Bible and Christian Scriptures)

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.

We do not have spoken candles of celebration and concern today. If you have a personal joy or sorrow, celebration or concern you would like included in today's prayer, 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 Marche Funebre from La Nef Sacree (Chaminade)

Call to Worship A Change Is Gonna Come (Sam Cooke)
Maddy Premru and Andrew Watson

Welcome and Announcements Cyndy Premru

***Hymn** Building A New Way #1017, turquoise

Chalice Lighting Edythe Salzman

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 Her Right Foot by Dave Eggers

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

Reflections These Are My Neighbors Laura Wool

Anthem If I Give Your Name (Emma's Revolution)
Lauren Tellier, Carolyn Francisco, Nancy Karuzis, Mark Karuzis
(Words are on insert)

Introduction to the work of the International Institute of New England (IINE) Sherry Spaulding

Offertory Valse Sentimentale (Tchaikovsky)
(Today's offering is an outreach offering to benefit the work of INNE.
Thank you in advance 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

Reflections I Am Your Neighbor Rogers Muyanja

***Hymn** Somos El Barco (Lorre Wyatt) insert

***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 Fugue (Bach)
(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 quietly.)

***Please stand as you are able**

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

Greeters: Deborah Santoro, Jai Santoro, Jen Hapgood-White

Ushers: Pat Fairchild, Jacqueline Frey

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

Special Thanks Today to: the members of the First Parish Immigration Justice Working Group for organizing and supporting this service in honor of June Johnson, who cared deeply about this ministry: Donna Nowak, Laura Wool, Owen Shuman, Sherry Spaulding, Edythe Salzman, Liz Davis-Chaffin. Speak to any of them after the service for more information.

Thanks also to today's special musicians: Maddy Premru, Andy Watson, Lauren Tellier, Nancy Karuzis, Mark Karuzis, Carolyn Francisco.

A Warm Welcome and thank you to our guest musicians:

Cynthia Bliss is a Past-Dean of the Merrimack Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. She is a member of the piano faculty at Indian Hill. She directs "Joyful Noise" (the children's choir) at First Church in Nashua, NH, and is the accompanist for "First Folk" (the contemporary choir) there as well. In her spare time, she's a regular substitute at several area churches.

Mary Bliss is a rising sophomore at Smith College where she is a chemistry major. She studies cello as Smith with Volcy Peletier and is a member of the Smith College Orchestra. When she is home, she studies cello with Tim Terranella at Indian Hill and volunteers at the Lowell Humane Society.

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Groton, Massachusetts



Visiting with our neighbors at International Institute of New England (IINE) during an after-school program; our collaborative efforts were recognized when the youth of First Parish and IINE received a joint award from the city of Lowell for *Student Excellence in Cultural Heritage, 2015*.

"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.