

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

May 27, 2018

Ringing of the Bell

Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

Thoughts as the Service Begins

Learn to read the stones, to travel through time, to hear the earth. (Robert Thorson)

Love is believable. Keep that as a smooth stone... (Alta Gerry)

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

Impromptu Op. 143 No. 2 (Franz Schubert)

Welcome and Announcements

Sarah Iacobucci, Worship Leader

***Hymn**

Come and Go With Me

#1018, turquoise

Chalice Lighting

Claudette Williams

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

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.

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

Reading of Names

Offertory

I Will Remember You (Sarah McLachlan)

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

Keep That as a Smooth Stone

Rev. Elea Kemler

***Hymn**

Comfort Me

#1002, 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

Postludium, Op. 13 (Erno von Dohnanyi)

(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.

Today's flowers are donated in loving memory of Joseph H. Dureault by his daughters Bernadette and Jackie Dureault.

Greeters: Deb and Steve Boczenowski

Ushers: Melissa Wood, Alan Hurvitz

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

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Groton, Massachusetts



“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.