

**FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON**

June 10, 2018

**Ringing of the Bell**

Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

**A Thought as the Service Begins**

*May we find each other in the silence between words  
May we heal our loneliness  
May we honor in ourselves and all others  
The deep and simple impulse to live  
To find sacred spaces and open land  
May we remember that the yearning to be holy is a part of everyone  
And the only hope for the next thousand years.*

*(Rachel Naomi Remen)*

*I cannot believe that the inscrutable universe turns on an axis of  
suffering; surely the strange beauty of the world must somewhere  
rest on pure joy. (Louise Bogan)*

*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.*

**Prelude** Voluntary I (John Alcock)

**Call to Worship** What Are Words (Chris Medina) Jon Frey

**Welcome and Announcements** Carol Swift, Worship Leader

**\*Hymn** Morning Has Broken #38

**Chalice Lighting** Alyssa Dallas

**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**

**Anthem** I Can See Clearly Now (Johnny Nash)

I can see clearly now, the rain is gone,  
I can see all obstacles in my way  
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind  
It's gonna be a bright, bright Sun-Shiny day.

I think I can make it now, the pain is gone  
All of the bad feelings have disappeared  
Here is the rainbow I've been praying for  
It's gonna be a bright, bright Sun-Shiny day.

Look all around, there's nothing but blue skies  
Look straight ahead, nothing but blue skies

I can see clearly now, the rain is gone,  
I can see all obstacles in my way  
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind  
It's gonna be a bright, bright Sun-Shiny day.

**Reading** written and read by Kaitlin Kramer

**Sung Meditation** When the World is Sick (IfNotNow)

When the world is sick,  
can't no one be well,  
but I dreamt we was all beautiful and strong.

**Offertory** Song Without Words, Op. 102, No. 3 (Mendelssohn)  
*Today's offering is for the Caring Committee to fund gas and grocery  
cards for members and friends of the congregation who need them  
and those who come to us asking for help.*

**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.

**Honoring the Turning of the Wheel of the Year**      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**                      Trumpet Voluntary (John Bennett)  
*(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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Today's flowers are given by Carol Swift celebrating our amazing  
New England spring and the beauty of this season.

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Greeters: Carol Bousquet, Nancy Burdine, John Appleton  
Ushers: Pat Fairchild, Jacqueline Frey  
Coffee Hour Hosts: 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



**Artwork by Sue Beers**

“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.