

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

June 17, 2018

A Thought as the Service Begins:

I'm not fearless. I just won't let others define me.

(Faya Ora Rose Toure)

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.

Ringing of the Bell Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

Prelude Courage, My Friend (Eric Bogle)

Welcome and Announcements Jon Frey, Worship Leader

***Hymn** Enter Rejoice, and Come in
Enter, rejoice and come in.
Enter rejoice, and come in.
Today will be a joyful day;
Enter rejoice and come in.

Set a Fire down in my soul,
that I can't contain, that I can't control,
I want more of your love, I want more of you love.

There's no place I would rather be (3x)
Than here in your love, here in your love.

Chalice Lighting Sal Lombardi

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 Red: A Crayon Story by Michael Hall

**Singing the Children and Teachers to Church School
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

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 Love that Surprises

Hymn Where You Go (Shoshana Jedwab)

Offertory Ilu Finu (Miriam Margles)

***Offertory Response**

(Words: Barbara Rich; Music: 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.

Sermon Love the Hell Out of this World Matt Meyer
***Hymn** There's a River Flowing in My Soul #1007
***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 Percussion Improvisation Matt Meyer

(Please remain seated during the Postlude. You are also invited to come to the front of the church and light a candle silently during this time. Come up one of the side aisles, light your candle and return to your seat by the center aisle. Or if mobility is difficult, just go the shortest route! 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.*

Today's flowers are given by Margaret Burdine in memory of her father Bill Burdine and her sister Carol Burdine, both of whom would have loved this church.

Greeters: Pamela Worden, Charles Fucher, Nancy Burdine
Ushers: Suzanne Nelson, Emma Rose Marella
Coffee Hour Host: Dmitri Foster, Jacob Tessier, Kiernan DeMeis-Dullea, Isabel Connors

A Special Welcome to our Guest Matt Meyer, who is Musician, Preacher and Co-Worship Leader all in one. In addition to leading services at UU congregations all over the country, Matt is currently Director of Operations at Sanctuary Boston, a contemporary UU worship community with rockin' music and engaging worship (and the inspiration for the Soulful Service our young adults and youth led here on May 30!)

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 and visit the Welcome Table to learn more about us.

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 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.