

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

September 23, 2018

Ringing of the Bell

Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins

Let the walls of my heart
Be easily moved
As the walls of the sukkah
That sway in the wind

Let the roof of my heart
Be porous to tears
As the roof of the sukkah
That lets in the rain

Let the space in my heart
Be open to guests...
Let the beat of my heart
Be a vital reminder
That life here is transient – a temporary dwelling

Let the walls, left unsealed
And the roof, with its lattice,
Frame the cracks
That will let in the light. (Rachel Barenblat)

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

Fantasia (Telemann)

Welcome and Announcements

Kaitlin Kramer, Worship Leader

***Hymn**

Morning Has Broken

#38

Chalice Lighting

Marge Kimpton

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 Prayer Chant (We Resist) (Mark A. Miller) Open 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 gather your thoughts into one or two sentences.

Offertory

Fughetta in C (Buxtehude)

Sung Prayer

Walking Each Other Home (Munger, Threshold Choir)

We are all just walking each other home. (repeat x3)

Spoken Prayer and Silent Meditation

Sermon

Let the Space in my Heart be Open Rev. Elea Kemler

***Hymn**

For All That is Our Life

#128

***Sung Benediction**

#414

As we leave this friendly place,
love give light to every face.
May the kindness which we've learned,
light our hearts 'til we return.

Postlude Allegro (Thomas Arne)

(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 given by Owen Shuman.

Greeters: John Appleton, Mike & Molly Foster, Mary Jennings

Ushers: Pat Fairchild, Suzanne Nelson

Coffee Hour Hosts: Dmitri Foster, 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, our Director of Religious Education, Liz Davis Chaffin 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 into this community.

FIRST PARISH CHURCH

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.