

**FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON**

October 21, 2018

**Ringing of the Bell** Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

**A Thought as the Service Begins**

Stories have to be told or they die, and when they die, we can't remember who we are or why we're here." (Sue Monk Kidd)

Your path is yours alone. And if it's the path less traveled, that's absolutely fine. The world doesn't need more conformists. The world needs more people who create and question and search.

(Laird Hamilton)

*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** Prelude & Fugue in C minor (J.S. Bach)

**Welcome and Announcements** Melissa Wood, Worship Leader

**\*Hymn** I Wish I Knew How #151

**Chalice Lighting** Kathleen Callahan

**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** The story of Fely Yiggle Kaljob  
Matthew Dicks

**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. Then light your candle from the chalice and place it in the sand on the candle table. We ask that you gather your thoughts into one or two sentences.*

**Offertory** Freely poetic (from Four Piano Blues) (Aaron Copland)

**Reading** The Voice by Shel Silverstein

**Spoken Prayer and Silent Meditation**

**Sermon** Silver Linings Matthew Dicks

**\*Hymn** Love Will Guide Us #131

**\*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** Postludium (from "Winterreigen" 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.*

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Today's flowers are given by Jane Fry in celebration of her older daughter, Mary E. Fry, whose birthday is on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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Greeters: Suzanne Nelson, Loretto & Tom Roney

Ushers: Trish Garrigan, Peg Lorenz

Coffee Hour Hosts: Isabel Conners, Jai Luc Santoro, Sarah Stram

**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.

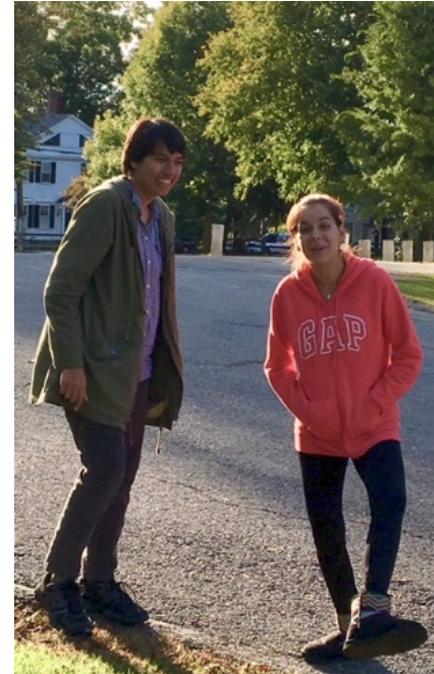
**This morning we warmly welcome storyteller Matthew Dicks as our guest speaker.** Matthew Dicks is an award winning story teller whose stories have been featured on the nationally syndicated Moth Radio Hour and their weekly podcast. He has also told stories for This American Life, TED, The Colin McEnroe Show, The Story Collider, The Liar Show, Literary Death Match, The Mouth, and many others. He is the co-founder and director of Speak Up, a Hartford based story telling organization, which produces a weekly podcast. He is also an author as well a coach/consultant.

Matthew will be leading a free story telling workshop following coffee hour today.

*First Parish Church is a Welcoming Congregation. We joyfully welcome all into this community.*

## FIRST PARISH CHURCH

Groton, Massachusetts



*"Frankly there isn't anyone you couldn't learn to love once you have heard their story" Fred Rogers*

### **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.

*"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,*