

**FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON**

November 11, 2018

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

**A Thought as the Service Begins**

Laughter is carbonated holiness. It helps us breathe again and gives us back to ourselves, and this gives us faith in life and in each other. "  
(Anne Lamott)

*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** Sonatina (Jiri Antonin Benda)

**Welcome and Announcements** Kathleen Callahan, Worship Leader

**\*Hymn** Morning Has Come #1000, turquoise

**Chalice Lighting** Barbara Rich

**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**

**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

**Special Music** La Cathedrale Engloutie (Claude Debussy)

**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** Allegretto (Jacob Schmitt)

**Sung Prayer** Meditation on Breathing (Sarah Dan Jones)

*When I breathe in, I'll breathe in hope.  
When I breathe out, I'll breathe out love.*

**Spoken Prayer and Silent Meditation**

**Sermon** Carbonated Holiness: How Stories and Laughter Save Us Over and Over Again Rev. Elea Kemler

**\*Hymn** What Wondrous Love #18

**\*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** Sonata (Domenico Cimarosa)

*(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.*

*We will be ringing the church bell 11 times at exactly 11 am today in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II.*

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The flowers today are given in lovely memory of our mother, Beatrice Colby Synnott, by her daughter Marcia Synnott and son Thomas Synnott.

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Greeters: Ellen Allen, Colleen Tessier

Ushers: Donna and Bob Nowak

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.

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



The greatest prayer you could ever pray is to laugh every day. (Ramtha)

## FIRST PARISH CHURCH

Groton, Massachusetts



Nell and Rick!

### 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, MA