

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

November 18, 2018

Ringing of the Bell

Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins

And the table will be wide.
And the welcome will be wide.
And the arms will open wide to gather us in.
And our hearts will open wide to receive.
And we will come as children who trust there is enough.
And we will come unhindered and free.

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.
And we will turn toward each other without fear.
And we will give up our appetite for despair.
And we will taste and know of delight.
And we will become bread for a hungering world.
And we will become drink for those who thirst.
And the blessed will become the blessing.
And everywhere will be the feast. (Jan Richardson)

*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 Toccata in e minor (Johann Pachelbel)

Call to Worship (Betty Wylder) Adult Choir

Welcome and Announcements Betty Keddy, Worship Leader

***Hymn** Where You Go (Shoshana Jedwab) insert

Chalice Lighting Youth from CityReach

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 We Will Walk Together (Clif Hardin) Adult Choir

Prayer of Gratitude

Offertory Fantasia (Johann Pachelbel)
Today's offering is for the North Central Massachusetts Faith Based Coalition to fund the Breakfast Program for those who are hungry and homeless in the City of Fitchburg and to purchase food and supplies for our own Lunch Making Service on Dec. 30, when we use our service time to make over 200 bag lunches for shelter residents in Lowell, Fitchburg and Worcester. Please make checks out to First Parish Church with FOOD OUTREACH in the memo line. Thank you!

***Hymn** We Give Thanks insert

Around Our Grateful Table

Children: Why do we feed each other?

Adults and Youth: We feed each other because we are connected. We feed each other to remember that we need to both give and receive.

Children: What do we feed each other?

Adults and Youth: We feed each other bread as a symbol of our care and compassion for one another. We feed each other bread as a symbol of our hope and determination that, someday, all people will have enough.

Children: When do we feed each other?

Adults and Youth: We feed each other whenever we gather in community, when strangers become our friends, and when we work together to be a blessing to the world.

Children: How do we feed each other?

Adults: We feed each other by offering each other kindness.
We feed each other by sharing our sorrow and our joy. We
feed each other by choosing love over hatred. We feed each
other by welcoming everyone to our table.

Passing of Bread

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

*From you I receive, to you I give,
Together we share, and from this we live.*

Blessing

***Sung Benediction**

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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 Toccata in C major (Johann Pachelbel)

*(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.*

Greeters: Ellen Allen, Carol Sarasin
Ushers: Suzanne Nelson, Pat Fairchild
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

Groton, Massachusetts



Artwork – Autumn Leaves by Carol Sarasin

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 and
our Facebook page at First Parish Church of Groton, MA*