

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

January 13, 2019

Ringing of the Bell

A Thought as the Service Begins

We are matter, kindred with ocean and tree and sky. We are flesh and blood and bone. To sink into that is a relief, a homecoming. (Krista Tippett)

If anything is sacred, the human body is sacred.
(Walt Whitman)

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.

Today we have both spoken and written candles. If you would like to have your joy or sorrow shared but prefer not to light a spoken candle, write it on a bright pink card (in your pew rack) and put it in the basket on the candle table or in the offering box during the offertory. The minister will include it in the prayer.

Prelude Impromptu Op. 143 No. 2 (Franz Schubert)

Welcome and Announcements Emma Marella, Worship Leader

Whoever you are,
whatever country you come from,
whoever you love,
whatever your abilities, challenges or gifts,
wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!

***Hymn** Gathered Here (#389)
Gathered here in the mystery of the hour
Gathered here in one strong body
Gathered here in the struggle and the power
Spirit, draw near.

Chalice Lighting Marcia Synnott

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.
Arrágame, 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 the Child in Us All

Candles of Celebration and Concern

You are invited to come forward, introduce yourself, briefly share a personal and heartfelt joy or sorrow, light your candle from the chalice and place it on the candle table. Before you speak, please take a moment to gather your thoughts into one or two sentences.

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

Offertory Soft and Languid (from Four Piano Blues (Aaron Copland))

Sung Prayer Breathing Meditation (Sarah Dan Jones)

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

Spoken Prayer and Silent Meditation

