

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

March 10, 2019

Ringing of the Bell Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins

This is not the age of information.

Forget the news,
and the radio,
and the blurred screen.

This is the time of loaves and fishes.

People are hungry,
and one good word is bread
for a thousand. (David Whyte)

There's a hunger beyond food that's expressed in food, and that's
why feeding is always a kind of miracle. (Sara Miles)

*We ask that you put your electronic devices in "worship mode" by
turning off all ringers. Join us in a time of quiet during the prelude.*

*Today we have spoken and written candles. If you would like to have
your joy or sorrow shared out loud in the prayer 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.*

Prelude Andante (Molique) Paul Funch, flute

Welcome and Announcements Kathy Reiff, Worship Leader

***Hymn** Gather the Spirit #347

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

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

Anthem Adagio Religioso (Mozart) Paul Funch, flute

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.*

Offertory Gymnopedie No. 1 (Erik Satie) Paul Funch, flute

Reading from Take This Bread by Sara Miles

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Sermon Loaves, Fishes and My Grandmother's Cookies
Rev. Elea Kemler

***Hymn** For the Earth Forever Turning #163

***Sung Benediction** Carry the Flame (Patricia Pavey)
Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.
Oh, carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.

Postlude Presto (Quantz) Paul Funch, flute

(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 is lit. If you are not able to stay, we understand and 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: Loretto and Tom Roney, Suzanne Nelson

Ushers: Ellen Allen, Sal Lombardi

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

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The people who give you their food, give you their heart
(Cesar Chavez)

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