

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

March 31, 2019

Ringling of the Bell Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

“We give thanks for all those times we have arisen from the depths of simply taken a tiny step toward something new... And as we enter the world anew, let us turn the tides of despair into endless waves of hope.” (Molly Fumia)

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 written candles of joy or sorrow, but not spoken. If you would like to have your joy or sorrow shared out loud in the prayer, write it on a brightly colored card (in your pew rack) and put it in the basket on the candle table or in an offertory box during the offering and Alyssa will include it in the prayer.

Prelude Fugue in F minor (Charles Burney)

Welcome and Announcements Cyndi Premru, Worship Leader

***Hymn** What Wondrous Love #18

Chalice Lighting Dave Hill

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 Because by Mo Willems and Amber Ren
read by Owen Shuman

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 Bright Morning Stars (traditional)

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation Alyssa Dallas

Music Requiem (John Rutter)
Requiem aeternam
Out of the deep
Pie Jesu - soprano solo, Melinda Stewart
Sanctus
Agnus Dei
The Lord is my shepherd
Lux Aeterna - soprano solo, Melinda Stewart"

***Hymn** Life Is the Greatest Gift of All #331

***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 Trumpet Voluntary (John Bennett)

(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.

FIRST PARISH CHURCH Groton, Massachusetts

Greeters: Peg Lorenz, Trish Garrigan, Suzanne Nelson
Ushers: Sal Lombardi, Dawn Sajdyk
Coffee Hour Hosts: Isabel Conners, Jai Luc Santoro, Sarah Stram

Very Special Thanks today to the Adult Choir of First Parish Church, led by Shawn McCann, Director of Music Ministries and to the Orchestra:

Flute - Sue Gleason
Oboe – Jonathan Knox
Cello - Susan Randazzo
Timpani - Abe Finch
Harp - Alix Raspe
Organ - David Owens



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.”

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