

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

April 28, 2019

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

## A Thought as the Service Begins

The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.

One person of integrity can make a difference. (Elie Wiesel)

*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 Celebration and Concern. If you would like to have your joy or sorrow shared out loud in the prayer, write it on a bright pink card (in your pew rack). Put your card in a labeled basket (on the candle table or tables at the back) or give it to an usher while the children are sung from the Sanctuary.*

**Prelude** Pineapple Rag (Scott Joplin)

**Welcome and Announcements** Julie Andrews, Worship Leader

**\*Hymn** Give Light (Artzner, Leonino)

1. Give light, and people will find the way (x3)  
People will find the way I do believe
2. Teach peace...
3. Stand together...
4. Sing out...
5. Give light...

**Chalice Lighting** Marisa Benson

**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 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

## Blessing the Pastoral Visitors Team

## Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

**Presentation** Amy Degen

**Offertory** Solace (Scott Joplin)

*Today's offering is for the Bialystok Cemetery Restoration Project. Checks can be made out to First Parish Church with "cemetery restoration" in the memo line. This is also the final Sunday for donating to Loaves and Fishes. Those checks should have food drive in the memo line. Thank you in advance for your generosity!*

**Litany of Commitment** (adapted from Rabbi Margie Klein Ronkin)

Leader: Will you open your heart? Will you recognize that all of humanity is one? We must learn to see ourselves in one another.

**People: Your people will be my people. Where you go I will go.**

Leader: Will you open yourself to growing in compassion? Will you be faithful to the call of love, which tells us that my well being is tied to yours.

**People: My joy is made less by your pain. My struggles are made lighter by your care.**

Leader: Will you commit yourself to speaking out when you see hatred, prejudice or injustice. Will you be brave in using your voice, especially when others are silent?

**People: Your work is my work. We will grow together.**

Leader: Your world is my world. Let us join hands, hearts and minds to repair it.

**People: Your world is my world. We will join hands, hearts, and minds to repair it.**

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

Where you go, I will go, Beloved/Refugee/Children/Ancestors  
Where you go, I will go  
Where you go, I will go, Beloved/Refugee/Children/Ancestors  
Where you go, I will go

And where you lie, I will lie, Beloved/Refugee/Children/Ancestors  
Where you lie, I will lie  
Where you lie, I will lie, Beloved/Refugee/Children/Ancestors  
Where you lie, I will lie

And your people are my people, Your people are mine  
Your people are my people  
Your Divine my Divine (repeat)

**\*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**                The Entertainer (Scott Joplin)

*(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.*

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**Greeters:** Ellen Brandt, Pamela Worden, Lyda Budrys

**Ushers:** Suzanne Nelson, Ellen Allen

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

## FIRST PARISH CHURCH Groton, Massachusetts



Butterflies by Hatzy Hornblower

### **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*