

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

May 5, 2019

Ringing of the Bell Emma Rose Marella, Bell Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins:

Blessed is the path on which you travel.
Blessed is the body that carries you upon it.
Blessed is your mind that discerns the way.
Blessed is your good heart, which is your compass.
Blessed is the gift you will receive by going.
Blessed is the gift you will become on the journey.
(Eric Williams, adapted)

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.

We do not have spoken Candles of Celebration and Concern in today’s service. If you have a joy, sorrow, celebration or concern you would like the minister to include in today’s prayer, please write it on a candle card and put the card in the offertory box during the offering. There is also a basket on the candle table upfront and you can put your card there any time before the prayer.

Prelude Woyaya (Amarfio, Osei)

Call to Worship The Waves We Give (Beautiful Chorus) Youth Choir

Welcome and Announcements Tom Nalesnik, Worship Leader

***Hymn** Circle Game (Joni Mitchell) insert

Chalice Lighting Alyssa Dallas

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

Bridging Ceremony for Dmitri Foster, Leo Premru, Jake Rahman, Sam Mayer Svarczkopf, William Torgersen

***Hymn** Bridge Over Troubled Water (Paul Simon)
Verses 1 and 2, insert

***Blessing**
May the nourishment of the earth be yours,
giving you strength.
May the clarity of the morning and evening light be yours,
giving you vision.
May the protection of the ancestors be yours,
giving you comfort.
Wrap our love around you like an invisible cloak,
to warm and shelter your life.
Go forth with joy.
Come home to us often.
And may your days be good and long upon the earth!
(John O’Donohue, adapted EJK)

***Hymn** Bridge Over Troubled Water (Paul Simon)
Verse 3, insert

Singing the Children and Teachers to Religious Education

(Middle Matters and older are staying for the whole service today.

If you have written joy and sorrow card, please hand them to an usher while the children are sung from the sanctuary.)

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: True Colors (Steinberg, Kelly) Youth Choir

Prayer and Silent Meditation

Rev. Elea Kemler

Offertory A Day Without Rain (Enya)

Sermon Perpetual Becoming Marisa Benson

***Hymn** Life Call us On (Gibbons, Shelton) insert

***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 Here Comes the Sun (George Harrison)

(You are invited to come light a candle silently for your own joys, sorrows and prayers during the Postlude. We ask the congregation to remain seated in quiet until the last candle is lit. If you are not able to stay, please leave quietly.)

***Please stand as you are able**

Today's flowers are from the Premru family in celebration of the Bridging Youth

Large Print Hymnals, Sunday Bulletins and Assisted Listening Devices are available at the sanctuary doors. Join us downstairs for good food and conversation immediately following the service!

Greeters: Christina and Natalie Andriole, Tom Roney

Ushers: Pat Fairchild, Sal Lombardi

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

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL, ESPECIALLY VISITORS. We are so glad you are here. All are invited for coffee, tea and conversation after the service in the Vestry, the large room beneath us, where you can meet the minister Rev. Elea Kemler and Director of Religious Education, Liz Davis-Chaffin. **Please visit the new and much quieter Welcoming Space in the East Wing (through the double doors by the coffee) to meet members of the Welcoming All Group.**

If you sign one of the Guest Books on the tables near the front and back entrances, we will send you the monthly print newsletter and weekly emails about life at First Parish. Finally look for anyone holding a blue mug at coffee hour. They will be happy to answer any questions you have.

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For more information Please visit our website: www.uugroton.org and our Facebook page at First Parish Church of Groton, MA

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, multicolored 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.