

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

May 19, 2019

Ringing of the Bell Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

Thoughts as the Service Begins

Come, come, whoever you are.
Wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving. It doesn't matter.
Ours is not a caravan of despair. come,
even if you have broken your vows a thousand times.
Come, yet again, come. (Rumi)

You are the place where I stand on the day when my feet are sore. (a saying from West Kerry, Ireland)

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 a personal joy or sorrow spoken outloud in the prayer today, please write it on a candle card (in your pew rack). An usher will come around while the children are being sung from the Sanctuary to collect cards. There is also a basket on the candle table up front and you can put your card there any time before the prayer.

Prelude Voluntary I (John Alcock)

Call to Worship Call to Worship (Betty Wilder) Adult Choir

Welcome and Announcements Cyndy Premru, Worship Leader

***Hymn** Come, Come, Whoever You Are #188

Chalice Lighting Amy Grosso

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

The Dedication of Ayla Ellen Saafi, Child of Lori and Jamel Saafi

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 The Heavens Are Telling (Haydn) Adult Choir
Soloists: Mary Timmons, David Gordon, Dave Hill

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Offertory Song Without Words, Op. 102, No. 3 (Mendelssohn)

Message The Place We Stand on the Days our Feet are Sore
Rev. Elea Kemler

***Hymn** Lean on Me #1021, turquoise

***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.

Greeters: Kathy Parliament-Benson, Tom Roney, Lorraine Scampini
Ushers: Kathleen Callahan, Melissa Wood
Coffee Hour Hosts: 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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Artwork by Martina Smyth

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*