

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

May 26, 2019

Ringing of the Bell Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins

We come this day, called by hope
Hope that we will, in some season,
Finally surrender our swords for ploughshares

And we come this day called by peace.
May we hear its song, may we proclaim its promise.
May our remembrance today renew our struggle
We can never stay or rest. (Heather Janules)

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 Impromptu Op. 143 No. 2 (Franz Schubert)

Welcome and Announcements Ed McNierney, Worship Leader

***Hymn** I'm Gonna Lift My Sister Up (Faya Rose Touré, adapted)
I'm gonna lift my sister up, she is not heavy,
I'm gonna lift my sister up, she is not heavy,
I'm gonna lift my sister up, she is not heavy,
If I can't lift her up,
If I can't lift her up,
If I can't lift her up,
I will fall down.
(My brother/the children/our elders/my people)

Chalice Lighting Sal Lombardi and Jake Rahman

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

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.

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

Letters

Reading of Names

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Offertory I Will Remember You (Sarah McLachlan)

Letters

***Hymn** Let the Life I Lead (Sullivan Pugh, adapted)

Let the life I lead speak for me
Let the life I lead speak for me
When I've come to the end of the road
And I've lay down my heavy load
Let the life I lead speak for me

1. Let the friends I have...
2. Let the work I do...
3. Let the songs I sing...
4. Let the love I share...

***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 Postludium, Op. 13 (Erno von Dohnanyi)

(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: Diane and Sal Lombardi

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

Today's flowers are given by Bernadette and Jackie Dureault
in loving memory of their father Joseph Dureault.

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.**

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Groton, Massachusetts**



Artwork by Carol Sarasin

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