

**FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON**

June 2, 2019

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

**A Thought as the Service Begins**

And you—what of your rushed and  
Useful life? Imagine setting it all down—  
Papers, plans, appointments, everything—  
Leaving only a note: “Gone  
To the fields to be lovely. Be back  
When I’m through with blooming.” (Lynn Ungar)

*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 both spoken and written candles. If you would like a  
personal joy or sorrow included in the prayer but prefer not to light a  
spoken candle, 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** Border Song (Elton John, Bernie Taupin)

**Welcome and Announcements** Patrick Hughes, Worship Leader

**\*Hymn** Wild Mountain Thyme (traditional) insert

**Chalice Lighting** Emma Rose Marella

**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

**Religious Education Appreciation – Celebrating our Rainbow Path**

**Song:** From you I receive, to you I give  
Together we share and from this we live.

**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

**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.*

**Anthem** Mercy (Kathy Mattea) Nancy and Mark Karuzis

**Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation**

**Offertory** Love (John Lennon)

**Sermon** Gone to the Fields to be Lovely Rev. Elea Kemler

**\*Hymn** What a Wonderful World (*Weiss and Thiele*)

I see trees of green, red roses too  
I see them bloom , for me and you  
And I think to myself what a wonderful world.  
I see skies of blue and clouds of white  
The bright blessed day, dark sacred night  
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.

The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky  
Are also on the faces of people passing by  
I see friends shaking hands saying “how do you do?”  
They’re really saying “I love you.”

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I hear babies cry, I watch them grow  
They'll learn much more than you'll ever know  
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.

**\*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** I Can See Clearly Now (Johnny Nash)  
I can see clearly now, the rain is gone,  
I can see all obstacles in my way  
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind  
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun-shiny day.

I think I can make it now, the pain is gone  
All of the bad feelings have disappeared  
Here is the rainbow I've been praying for  
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun-shiny day.

Look all around, there's nothing but blue skies  
Look straight ahead, nothing but blue skies

I can see clearly now, the rain is gone,  
I can see all obstacles in my way  
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind  
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun-shiny day.

*(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**

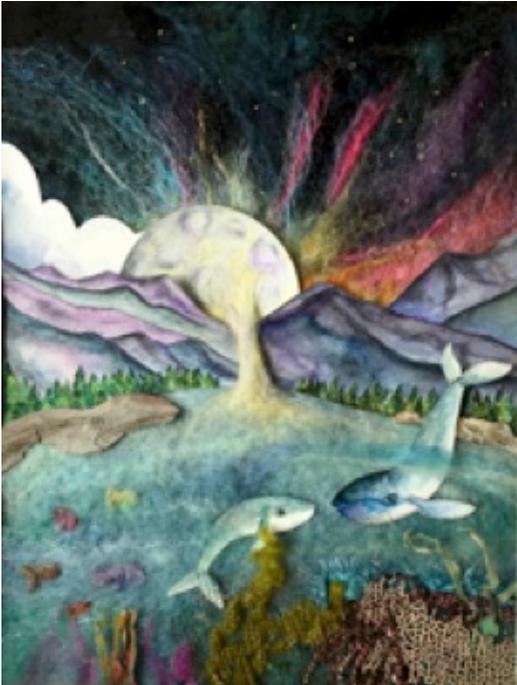
*Large Print Hymnals, Sunday Bulletins and Assisted Listening Devices  
are available at the sanctuary doors.*

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Greeters: John Appleton, Lyda Budrys, Colleen Tessier  
Ushers: Suzanne Nelson, Jacqueline Frey  
Coffee Hour Hosts: Isabel Conners, Jai Luc Santoro, Sarah Stram

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Today's flowers are in loving memory of Roger Benson, beloved  
husband of Kathy Parliament Benson and beloved father of  
Marisa and Rachel Benson.



Artwork by Rachel Benson

**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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and our Facebook page at First Parish Church of Groton, MA