

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

June 9, 2019

Ringing of the Bell Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

Thoughts as the Service Begins

The world is too beautiful to be praised by only one voice.
May you have the courage to sing your part.
The world is too broken to be healed by only one set of hands.
May you have the courage to use your gifts. (Eric Williams)

...creation is constantly reminding us that we belong to much larger worlds than we can imagine. (David Whyte)

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.

Prelude Awesome (Charles Jenkins) Third Baptist Church Choir

Welcome and Announcements Kaitlin Kramer, 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 don't lift her up,
If I don't lift her up,
If I don't lift her up,
I will fall down.
(My brother/the children/our elders/my people)

Chalice Lighting The Rayhill Family

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

Give and Take Baskets Blessing

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 The Blood Still Works (Malcom Williams)
Third Baptist Church Choir

Reading by Lena Donovan

Offertory Fughetta in C (Buxtehude)

Flower Communion

Introduction

Sharing Flowers

Songs Where You Go I Will 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)

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

Blessing

***Hymn** Prayer Chant/We Resist (Mark Miller)
Combined 3rd Baptist and FPCoG Choirs and Congregation

We resist, we refuse to let hatred in!
We rise up, we won't back down!
We're in this 'til the end.

Pray for your enemies!
Welcome the stranger!
Show love to your neighbor!
We're in this 'til the end.

***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 We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder (trad., arr. Clif Hardin)

*(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: Julie Andrews, Cyndy Premru, Leo Premru
Ushers: Suzanne Nelson, Pat Fairchild
Coffee Hour Hosts: Isabel Connors, Jai Luc Santoro, Sarah Stram

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Artwork by Kaitlin Kramer

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