

FIRST PARISH CHURCH of GROTON

Groton, Massachusetts

Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 2 PM

Prelude Emma's Revolution (Pat Humphries, Sandy O)

Lighting of the Chalice Barbara Rich

Words for Gathering Rev. Elea Kemler

Hymn How Could Anyone (Libby Roderick)
How could anyone ever tell you, you were anything less than beautiful?
How could anyone ever tell you, you were less than whole?
How could anyone fail to notice that your loving is a miracle?
How deeply you're connected to my soul.

Telling the Story of June's Life Rev. Elea Kemler

Reflections on the Life of June Adams Johnson
Jan Kuniholm
Bob Pine
Donna Nowak

Music Emma's Revolution (Pat Humphries, Sandy O)

Reflections on the Life of June Adams Johnson
Gina Perini Benedict
Ben Lieman
Steve Lieman

Anthem The Lord Is My Shepherd (John Rutter)
Adult Choir, First Parish Church

***Responsive Reading** We Remember Her
In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember her.
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember her.

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,
we remember her

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember her.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember her.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember her.

When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember her.

When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember her.

When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember her.

ALL: So long as we live, she too shall live, for she is now a part of us, as we remember her.

***Hymn** Life Calls Us On (insert)

Closing Words and Benediction

Postlude Emma's Revolution (Pat Humphries, Sandy O)

Ringling of the Church Bells

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All are warmly invited to a reception downstairs in the Vestry, the large room beneath us, immediately following the Postlude to greet the family. There is lots of good food, including blueberry buckle made from June's recipe and with blueberries from her bushes. There will also be a slide show of photographs of June's life.

Assisting at the Service:

Rev. Elea Kemler, Minister, First Parish Church

Shawn McCann, Director of Music Ministries, First Parish Church

Special Thanks Today To: Pat Humphries and Sandy O of Emma's Revolution, June's favorite musical group, to the Adult Choir, and the First Parish Collation Committee, led by Gail Burne, for hosting the reception.

Greeters: Susan Hughes, Gregg Baker, Ed McNierney, Paul Harter, Gerri Harter

Ushers: Suzanne Nelson, Sarah Iacobucci, Holly Estes, Anya Harter

Video: Bob Fleischer

Parking: Don Torgerson



Tell me, what is it you plan to do
With your one wild and precious life?
(Mary Oliver)

A Celebration of the Life of June Adams Johnson



June 1, 1939 – April 18, 2018