

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

October 28, 2018

Ringing of the Bell Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins

For those who walked with us,
this is a prayer.
For those who have gone ahead,
this is a blessing.
For those who journey still with us
in the shadows of awareness,
in the crevices of memory,
in the landscape of our dreams,
this is a benediction. (Jan Richardson)

We ask that you put your electronic devices in "worship mode" by turning off all ringers. Please also turn off the flash on your camera. Join us in a time of quiet during the prelude.

If you brought a photo of a loved one to share, please place it on one of the sanctuary windowsills or on the table at the front.

Prelude Allegro (C.P.E. Bach)

Call to Worship We Will Stand With You (Souders) Youth Choir

Welcome and Announcements Kaitlin Kramer, Worship Leader

***Hymn** Swimming to the Other Side insert
(Emma's Revolution: Pat Humphries, Sandy O)

Chalice Lighting Alyssa Dallas

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

Anthem When I Am Silent (Joan C. Varner) Youth Choir

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

Spoken Candles of Celebration and Concern

You are invited to come forward, introduce yourself, share a personal and heartfelt joy or sorrow in a sentence or two. Then light your candle from the chalice and place it in the sand on the candle table. We ask that you gather your thoughts into one or two sentences.

Reflections Steve Lieman

Offertory Pas de deux (Samuel Barber)

Reflections Lisa Girolamo

Prayer and Calling of Names Rev. Elea Kemler

***Hymn** Comfort Me #1002

***Sung Benediction** #414

As we leave this friendly place,
love give light to every face.
May the kindness which we've learned,

Postlude Nocturne Op. 72 No. 1 (Chopin)

(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. If you are not able to stay, 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.

Today's flowers are given by the Adriole Sturm Family in memory of all the congregation's departed loved ones.

Greeters: Margaret Burdine, Nancy Burdine, Suzanne Nelson
Ushers: Jacqueline Frey, Melissa Wood
Coffee Hour Hosts: Isabel Conners, Jai Luc Santoro, Sarah Stram

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS. We are so glad you are here. Join us for coffee, tea and conversation after the service in the Vestry, the large room beneath us, where you can meet our minister Rev. Elea Kemler, our Director of Religious Education, Liz Davis-Chaffin and visit the Welcome Table to learn more about us. Look for anyone holding a blue mug at coffee hour. They will be happy to answer any questions you have or speak with you about our community.

First Parish Church is a Welcoming Congregation. We joyfully welcome all into this community.

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Artwork by Lindy Hanninen in memory of her father.

“The song has ended but the melody lingers on” Irving Berlin

“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*

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.