

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

October 28, 2018

Ringing of the Bell

Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins

There is a new America being born,
and it is fierce, gorgeous and fair.

It is built on justice and mercy,
and it makes room for everyone.

To usher this new America into the world,
every one of us will need to be brave, brave, brave.

(Rabbi Sharon Brous)

It is easy to hate and it is difficult to love.

This is how the whole scheme of things works. (Confucius)

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.

We do not have spoken candles today. If you have a joy or sorrow you wish to have named in the prayer, please write it on a candle card in your pew racks and put the card in the offertory box or the basket on the candle table.

Prelude Sonatina Op 76. No. 2 (Cornelius Gurlitt)

Call to Worship You That Have Faith (Mark Gresham) Adult Choir

Welcome and Announcements Owen Shuman, Worship Leader

***Hymn** **Give Light** (Artzner, Leonino)

1. Give light, and people will find the way (x3)
People will find the way I do believe
2. Teach peace...
3. Stand together...
4. Sing out...
5. Give light...

Chalice Lighting

Irv Rockwood

Response Hymn

(please remain seated)

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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

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

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Reflections

Claudette Williams

Anthem Will Justice Roll Down? (Jason Shelton) Adult Choir

Reading Election Promises by Mark Belletini

Offertory Andante con moto e poco rubato (Gershwin)

Spoken Prayer and Silent Meditation

Sermon Love Will Make Us Brave Rev. Elea Kemler

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

***Sung Benediction**

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

Postlude Presto e leggiero (Norman Dello Joio)

*(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 Owen Shuman in memory of Vickie Lee
Jones and Maurice E. Stallard of Louisville, KY

Greeters: Patrick Hughes, Karen O'Neill, Jennifer Peterson

Ushers: Kathleen Callahan, Pat Fairchild

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.*

FIRST PARISH CHURCH

Groton, Massachusetts



*We the People: Protect Each Other; Are Greater Than Fear; Defend Dignity
by Shepard Fairey, artist and activist.*

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