

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

November 25, 2018

Ringing of the Bell

Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins

It was when I stopped searching for home within others and lifted the foundations of home within myself, I found there were no roots more intimate than those between a mind and body that have decided to be whole. (Rupi Kaur)

Prelude

Call to Worship *Follow the Sun (Xavier Rudd)* Jon Frey & Co.

Welcome and Announcements Kaitlin Kramer, Worship Leader

Whoever you are,
whatever country you came from,
whoever you love,
whatever your abilities, challenges or gifts,
wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!

***Hymn** Come, Come Whoever You Are #188

Chalice Lighting Hannah Tellier

Response Hymn Spirit of Life
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

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

Anthem *Beautiful World (Kermit Ruffins)* Young Adults & Youth

Candle 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, light your candle from the chalice and place it on the candle table. Please gather your thoughts into one or two sentences.

Offertory *Go Tomorrow (The Newton Brothers)* Hannah Tellier

Spoken Prayer and Silent Meditation *Life is Always Unfinished*
Business by Richard S. Gilbert Haley Watson

Sermon Coming Home to Ourselves Marisa Benson

Chant *Don't Know Why* Marisa Benson

Special Music *We're Going Home (Vance Joy)* Jon Frey & Co.

Spoken Benediction

We walk as a blessing,
Breathe as a being
And love like it's the only think you know

Postlude *Demons (Imagine Dragons)* Hannah Tellier

(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.*

Greeters: Nancy and Marcel Kates, Colleen Tessier

Ushers: Melissa Wood and Alyssa Dallas

Coffee Hour Hosts: Isabel Conners, Jai Luc Santoro, Sarah Stram

Vocalists and Musicians:

Young Adults- Jon Frey, Hannah Tellier, Haley Watson & Nate Gerry

Youth- Matt Liliedahl, Olivia Ray, Martina Smyth & Sofie Santoro

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.

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Groton, Massachusetts



As you live deeper in the heart, the mirror gets cleaner and cleaner.
(Rumi)

Artwork by Cameron Grayson a visionary artist, reiki master, shaman, yoga instructor and light worker. She has a gift and a passion for helping others heal through art. Check out her magical work at camsconsciouscreations.com!

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.

For more information Please visit our website: www.uugroton.org and our Facebook page at First Parish Church of Groton, MA