

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

January 27, 2019

Ringing of the Bell

Emma Rose Marella

Thoughts as the Service Begins

The blues brings you back into the fold. The blues isn't about the blues; it's about we have all had the blues and we are all in this together. (Peter Tork)

The blues are the true facts of life expressed in words and song, inspiration, feeling, and understanding. (Willie Dixon)

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.

Today we have both spoken and written candles. If you would like to have your joy or sorrow shared but prefer not to light a spoken candle, write it on a bright pink card (in your pew rack) and put it in the basket on the candle table or in the offering box during the offertory. The minister will include it in the prayer.

Prelude All Blues (Miles Davis)

Welcome and Announcements Melissa Wood, Worship Leader

***Hymn** I Wish I Knew How #151

Chalice Lighting Shawn McCann

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 the Child in Us All

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

Offertory Heaven (Duke Ellington)

Spoken Prayer and Silent Meditation Rev. Elea Kemler

Sermon in Blues

Blues with a Feeling (Rabon Tarrant, Marion Walter Jacobs)

Furry Sings the Blues (Joni Mitchell)

Gran Torino (Eastwood, Stevens, Cullum)

***Hymn** Love Will Guide Us (Sally Rogers)

Love will guide us, peace has tried us
Hope inside us will lead the way
On the road from greed to giving
Love will guide us through the dark night

If you cannot sing like angels
If you cannot speak before thousands
You can give from deep within you
You can change the world with your love

See the light of hope within you
Let it glow in your work and your play
Your inner song sings all around you
Let it guide you on your way

Share the song and share the silence
Share the shade and share the light
With every friend, foe, neighbor and stranger
On your journey through this life

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***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 Moanin' (Bobby Timmons)

*(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.*

The flowers today are donated by Anne McGinty.

Band members:

Vincent DeStefano, trumpet
John Bruner, upright bass
Nancy Karuzis, voice
Mark Karuzis, guitar
Charlie Peterson, sax
Andrew Peterson, electric bass
Kevin Visnaskas, harmonica and guitar
Andrew Watson, guitar and voice
Shawn McCann, piano

Greeters: Cyndy Premru, Julie Andrews, Peg Lorenz
Ushers: Kathy and Greg Reiff
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.

FIRST PARISH CHURCH

Groton, Massachusetts



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