

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

February 17, 2019

Ringing of the Bell Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins

The faith we share is a fundamental confidence in life,
A basic trust in human existence,
An affirmation in the worthwhileness of the human enterprise.
(Richard Gilbert)

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.

Prelude Quartal Courante (Jason Shelton)

Call to Worship Spirit of Truth, of Life, of Power (Westwood, Mason)
Adult Choir

Welcome and Announcements Melissa Wood, Worship Leader

***Hymn** My Life Flows on in Endless Song #108

Chalice Lighting Sal Lombardi

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

Responsive Reading Stand by This Faith #569

Candles of Celebration and Concern

You are invited to come forward, introduce yourself, briefly share a personal and heartfelt joy or sorrow, light your candle from the chalice and place it on the candle table. Before you speak, please take a moment to gather your thoughts into one or two sentences.

Spoken Prayer and Silent Meditation

Musical Meditation

Offertory There Is a Balm in Gilead (traditional, arr. Clif Hardin)

Reading "Trust" by David O. Rankin

Anthem Saranam (Refuge) (Words: from Celtic Daily Prayers and Readings from the Northumbria Community, Music: Jason Shelton)
Adult Choir

Sermon UU Faith Rev. Jane Thickstun

***Hymn** Faith of the Larger Liberty #287

***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 We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder
(traditional, arr. Clif Hardin)

(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.

Greeters: Lyda Budrys, John Appleton

Ushers: Kathleen Callahan, Pamela Worden

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 the guest minister Rev. Janet Thickstun, 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 or speak with you about our community.

We welcome Rev. Janet Thickstun today. Rev. Jane Thickstun is the Interim Minister at the UU Congregation of the Hudson Valley in Croton-on-Hudson, NY. She has also served congregations in Ithaca, NY, and in Michigan, New Hampshire, and Georgia. Rev. Jane grew up in Potsdam, NY, and has degrees in Linguistics and Philosophy, both from Georgetown University, and prepared for the UU ministry at Meadville/Lombard Theological School, graduating in 2000. She enjoys hiking, singing, and contra dancing, among other things.

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Studio Art by Lindy, Kathryn and Shirley

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*