

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

March 3, 2019

Ringing of the Bell Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

Thoughts as the Service Begins

Who are the people who have smiled you into smiling? The people who have talked you into talking, sung you into singing, loved you into loving? Who has helped you love the good that grows within you? Let's just take ten seconds to think of some of those people...

If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person. (Rev. Fred Rogers)

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 spoken and written candles. If you would like to have your joy or sorrow shared out loud in the prayer 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.

Prelude Sonata L. 104 (Domenico Scrlatti)

Call to Worship: Love, Be Our Way (Carolyn McDade) Adult Choir

Welcome and Announcements Owen Shuman, Worship Leader

***Hymn** Get on Board Little Children (traditional)

Chorus: Get on board, little children
Get on board, little children
Get on board little children
There's room for many-a-more.

I hear the train a comin'
I hear her close at hand
I hear those car wheels rumblin'
And rollin' through the land. (Chorus)

The fare is cheap and all can go
The rich and poor are there
No second class upon this train
No difference in the fare. (Chorus x2)

Chalice Lighting Barbara Rich

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

Gathering of Commitments People Get Ready (Curtis Mayfield)
Andrew Watson, guitar and vocals, Andy Peterson, bass

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

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.

Anthem Good News, the Chariot's Coming (traditional, arr. Moses Hogan) Adult Choir

Offertory Gigue from Suite No. 4 (G.F. Handel)

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Sermon Loved into Being Rev. Elea Kemler

***Hymn** I Can See Clearly Now (Johnny Nash)

I can see clearly now, the rain is gone,
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind
It's gonna be a bright, bright Sun-Shiny day.

I think I can make it now, the pain is gone
All of the bad feelings have disappeared
Here is the rainbow I've been praying for
It's gonna be a bright, bright Sun-Shiny day.
Look all around, there's nothing but blue skies
Look straight ahead, nothing but blue skies

I can see clearly now, the rain is gone,
I can see all obstacles in my way
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind
It's gonna be a bright, bright Sun-Shiny day.

***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 Voluntary V (John Alcock)

*(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: Clio and Eric Fisher, Julie Andrews

Ushers: Jim Frey, Sal Lombardi

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

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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*