

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

March 17, 2019

Ringing of the Bell Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins

The world is too beautiful to be praised by only one voice.
May you have the courage to sing your part.
The world is too broken to be healed by only one set of hands.
May you have the courage to use your gifts. (Eric Williams)

...creation is constantly reminding us that we belong to much larger worlds than we can imagine. (David Whyte)

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 Valse, Op. 64, No. 1 (Frederic Chopin)

Welcome and Announcements Ed McNierney, Worship Leader

***Hymn** Where You Go (Shoshana Jedwab)

Where you go, I will go, Beloved/Refugee/Children/Ancestors

Where you go, I will go

Where you go, I will go, Beloved/Refugee/Children/Ancestors

Where you go, I will go

And where you lie, I will lie, Beloved/Refugee/Children/Ancestors

Where you lie, I will lie

Where you lie, I will lie, Beloved/Refugee/Children/Ancestors

Where you lie, I will lie

And your people are my people, Your people are mine

Your people are my people

Your Divine my Divine (repeat)

Chalice Lighting Jessica Engels

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 All Generations

Goodbye Blessing for Jessica Engels

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 The Old Castle from "Pictures at an Exhibition"
(Modeste Moussorgsky)

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.

Offertory Love (John Lennon)

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Sermon Larger Worlds Than We Can Imagine Rev. Elea Kemler

*Hymn Blue Boat Home #1064, turquoise

*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 Rondo (W.A. Mozart)

(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.

Today's flowers are given by the McGintys in honor of the Our Whole Lives (OWL) facilitators, past and present.

Greeters: Nancy & Bob Fleischer, Suzanne Nelson
Ushers: Trish Garrigan, Peg Lorenz
Coffee Hour Hosts: Isabel Conners, Jai Luc Santoro, Sarah Stram

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Artwork by Kate McNierney

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.”

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