

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Ringing of the Church Bell Emma Marella, First Parish Bell Ringer,
with Abby Alberga, Henry Mayer Svarczkopf, and Sofia Santoro

A Thought as the Service Begins Abby Alberga, Jillian Bartlett, Lena
Donovan, Meredith Hill, Isabel Kemler, Amelia Luening, Henry Mayer
Svarczkopf, Val Prelavska, and Sofia Santoro, Martina Smyth

Becoming takes

- Courage*
- Determination*
- Perseverance*
- Self-Awareness*
- Effort*
- Inspiration*
- Sacrifice*
- Resilience*
- Strength*
- Wisdom*

*(We ask that you turn off the ringer on your cell phones as well as the
flash on your cameras. Please sing along with the choir during the
Prelude if you would like. The words are in the insert.)*

Prelude Eet (Regina Spektor) Youth Choir

Call to Worship Change Arrives FP Youth and Congregation
Change arrives, I can flow

Welcome and Announcements Jai Santoro, Worship Leader

***Hymn** Beautiful (Christina Aguilera) Insert

Chalice Lighting Meredith Hill

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.

Reading Val Preslavska

Time for All Generations The Boy Who Grew Flowers by Jen
Wojtowicz, read by Meredith Hill, Lena Donovan, and Sofia Santoro

Singing the Children 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

Senior Reflection Dmitri Foster

Anthem This Is Me (Paul, Basek) Youth Choir with
dancing by Abby Alberga, Val Preslavska, and Lena Donovan

Reading Jillian Bartlett

Spoken Candles of Celebration and Concern Amelia Luening
*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 take a
moment to gather your thoughts into one or two sentences.*

Senior Reflection Jake Rahman

Prayer and Meditation Henry Mayer Svarczkopf and Sofia Santoro

Senior Reflection Leo Premru

Offertory Changes (David Bowie) Youth Choir

Senior Reflection Sam Mayer Svarczkopf

***Hymn** Afterlife (Ingrid Michaelson) Insert

***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.

***Spoken Benediction** Lena Donovan

Postlude I am (Satsang) Youth Choir
(Instead of remaining seated and quiet during the Postlude, the youth request that, today, you sing along [words in Insert] and get up and dance or stay seated and dance as the spirit moves you!)

***Please stand as you are able.**

Large Print Hymnals, Sunday Bulletins, and Assisted Listening Devices are available at the sanctuary doors.

Join the Youth downstairs for an exceptional, treat-filled Fellowship Hour. There will be wonderful food, great conversation and, of course, coffee!

The art in the sanctuary this morning was conceptualized and created by the Middle Matters and Senior High Youth and coordinated and hung by the Middle Matters Art Committee:
Abby Alberga and Val Preslavska.

Greeters: Jillian Bartlett, Henry Mayer Svarczkopf, and their families

Ushers: Lena Donovan and Sofia Santoro, assisted by Pat Fairchild and Suzanne Nelson

Fellowship Hour Hosts: The Youth Service Fellowship Committee:
Lena Donovan, Meredith Hill, and Henry Mayer Svarczkopf, along with help from all First Parish youth and their families

Middle Matters Worship Committee: Lena Donovan, Meredith Hill, and Val Preslavska

Middle Matters Music Committee: Meredith Hill

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.

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-Artwork designed by Isabel Kemler

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