

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

September 15, 2019

Ringing of the Bell Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins

This is for the no becoming yes
For scars becoming breath
For saying I love you to people who will never say it to us
For scraping away the rust
and remembering how to shine
For the dime you gave away
when you didn't have a penny
For the many beautiful things we do
For every song we've ever sung
For refusing to believe in miracles
because miracles are the impossible coming true
and everything is possible. (Andrea Gibson)

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.

Today we have written and spoken Candles of Celebration and Concern. If you would like a personal joy or sorrow spoken out loud in the prayer today, please write it on a pink candle card (in your pew rack). An usher will come around while the children are being sung from the Sanctuary to collect cards. There is also a basket on the candle table; you can put your card there any time before the prayer.

Prelude Allegro (Thomas Arne)

Welcome and Announcements Cyndy Premru, Worship Leader

***Hymn** Keep on Moving Forward (Pat Humphries, Sandy O- Emma's Revolution)

We're gonna keep on moving forward
Keep on moving forward, keep on moving forward
Never turning back, never turning back.

We're gonna keep on moving proudly
We're gonna keep on singing loudly
We're gonna keep on loving boldly

We're gonna reach across our borders
We're gonna keep on moving forward

Chalice Lighting Steve Lieman

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

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.

Reading Say Yes by Andrea Gibson

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Offertory Nocturne in e minor Op. 72, No. 1 (Frederic Chopin)

Sermon The No Becoming Yes Rev. Elea Kemler

***Hymn** I'm Gonna Lift My Sister Up (Faya Rose Touré, adapted)

I'm gonna lift my sister up, she is not heavy,
I'm gonna lift my sister up, she is not heavy,
I'm gonna lift my sister up, she is not heavy,
If I can't lift her up, If I can't lift her up, If I can't lift her up,
I will fall down.
(My brother/the children/our elders/my people)

***Sung Benediction**

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As we leave this friendly place,
love give light to every face.
May the kindness which we've learned,
light our hearts 'til we return.

Postlude Fugue in C minor (Jean Jacques Charpentier)
(All are invited to light a silent candle during the Postlude. We ask the congregation to remain seated until the last candle. If you can't stay, we understand, just 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: Amie, Mike, Michael Preston, Karen Rotuda, John Appleton
Ushers: Bernadette Dureault, Jackie Frey
Coffee Hour Hosts: Jai Luc Santoro, Sarah Stram

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL, ESPECIALLY VISITORS. We are so glad you are here. All are invited for coffee, tea and conversation after the service in the Vestry, the large room beneath us, where you can meet the Minister, Rev. Elea Kemler and Director of Religious Education, Liz Davis-Chaffin. *Please visit the much quieter welcoming space called The Wading Pool in the East Wing (through the double doors by the coffee) to meet members of the Welcoming All Group.* If you sign one of the Guest Books on the tables near the front and back entrances, we will send you the print newsletter and weekly emails about life at First Parish. Finally look for anyone holding a blue mug at coffee hour. They will be happy to answer any questions you have.

*First Parish Church is a Welcoming Congregation.
We joyfully welcome all!*

FIRST PARISH CHURCH

Groton, Massachusetts



Artwork by Livia Tada

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 several places 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*