

FIRST PARISH CHURCH of GROTON  
October 13, 2019

**Ringing of the Bell** Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

**A Thought as the Service Begins**

Because the tides are rising

So must we rise.

Rise to this moment

Rise to this day

Rise to this life

And rise to this place in the web  
that is yours, and ours.

Because the earth remains our only home  
And we Fellow Travelers are its only hope now

For healing, wholeness, salvation  
So must we rise.

Rise before the mystery  
that this infinite universe  
still holds us, connects us  
shelters us, sustains us

So must we rise.

And also bow in gratitude

For this beauty,

For this small blue-green planet

Upon which we live and move

and have our being. (Gretchen Haley, adapted)

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

**Prelude** Voluntary in B flat (Maurice Greene)

**Call to Worship** Rise Up O Flame (words - Anonymous;  
music - Christoph Praetorius) Children's Choir

**Welcome and Announcements** Patrick Hughes, Worship Leader

**\*Hymn** Sukkah of Shalom (Arthur Waskow) Insert

**Chalice Lighting** Claudette Williams

**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**

**Anthem** Sukkot Song (Steven Carr Reuben) Children's Choir

**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

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**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, followed by Silent Meditation**

**Offertory** Short Voluntary (John Worgen)

Sermon On Behalf of Life Rev. Elea Kemler

\*Hymn For the Earth Forever Turning #163

\*Sung Benediction #414

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 Voluntary XIII (Maurice Greene)

*(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.*

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Please consider donating flowers or artwork to beautify our altar.  
The sign-up sheet is outside the kitchen door or email the office.

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Greeters: Peg Lorenz, Trish Garrigan, Suzanne Nelson

Ushers: Sal and Diane Lombardo

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 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 monthly 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 of Groton is a Welcoming Congregation.  
We joyfully welcome members of the GLBTQ community and all!*

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH

## Groton, Massachusetts



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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 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](http://www.uugroton.org) and our Facebook page at First Parish Church of Groton, MA*