

FIRST PARISH CHURCH of GROTON

October 27, 2019

Ringing of the Bell Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins

We imagine a world where war is not present, where innocence does not combine with chaos and where dictatorship does not interfere with hope...

We imagine a world where problems are solved without war or violence

We imagine a world where women live freely

We imagine a world where everyone has clean water and warm shelter

We imagine a world where children are not forced to fight in wars

We imagine a world where Mother Nature and Father Sky are reunited, where waste is not wasted and where the abundance of life remains fresh and new..

We imagine a world where everyone is healthy and safe

We imagine a world where disability does not disable...

We imagine a world where no one cares about religious choices or orientation

We imagine a world where hope, love and peace are present forever. (Youth of First Parish Church, 2013)

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 written 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 Allegro (C.P.E. Bach)

Call to Worship There's Honey In The Rock (traditional) Youth Choir

Welcome and Announcements Ed McNierney, Worship Leader

***Hymn** Imagine (John Lennon) Insert

Chalice Lighting Isabel Stanley-Kemler and Joni Parker-Roach, COA Youth and Mentor pair, 2017-18

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

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Anthem The Tide Is Rising (Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman, Yotam Schachter) Youth Choir

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Offertory Pas de deux (Samuel Barber)

The Opening Ceremony for the Coming of Age of:

Jillian Bartlett, mentored by Judy Nauman

Owen Benedict, mentored by Alan Hurvitz

Lena Donovan, mentored by Cyndy Premru

Sam Hendrickson, mentored by Sal Lombardi

Meredith Hill, mentored by Romiya Barry

Abby Alberga, mentored by Jackie Frey

Amelia Luening, mentored by Gerri Harter

Henry Mayer Svarczkopf, mentored by Greg Premru

Molly McGinty, mentored by Lori Saafi

