

**FIRST PARISH CHURCH of GROTON**

**November 3, 2019**

**Ringing of the Bell**

Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

**A Thought as the Service Begins**

You will lose someone you can't live without, and your heart will be badly broken, and the bad news is that you never completely get over the loss of your beloved. But this is also the good news. They live forever in your broken heart that doesn't seal back up. And you come through. It's like having a broken leg that never heals perfectly—that still hurts when the weather gets cold, but you learn to dance with the limp. (Anne Lamott)

*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 III (G. F. Handel)

**Call to Worship**

Call to Worship (Betty Wylder) Open Choir

**Welcome and Announcements**

Owen Shuman, Worship Leader

**\*Hymn**

Let the Life I Lead

1. Let the life I lead speak for me  
Let the life I lead speak for me  
When I'm lying in my grave  
And there's nothing more to say  
Let the life I lead speak for me
2. Let the friends I have...
3. Let the work I do...
4. Let the love I share...
5. Let the songs I sing

**Chalice Lighting**

Christina Andriole,  
Natalie and Toby Andriole-Sturm

**Response Hymn**

*(please remain seated)*

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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**

Peace, Like A River (trad., arr. Moore) Open 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  
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.*

**Sung Prayer**

There Is A Love (Parker, Norton)

There is a love holding me / us.  
There is a love holding all that I / we love.  
There is a love holding all. I / We rest in this love.

**Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation**

**Offertory**

In Nomine (Richard Alwood)

**Message**

The Cure for Sorrow

Rev. Elea Kemler

