

FIRST PARISH CHURCH of GROTON

November 10, 2019

Ringing of the Bell

Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins

Forget about enlightenment. Sit down wherever you are and listen to the wind that is singing in your veins. Feel the love, the longing and the fear in your bones. Open your heart to who you are, right now, not who you would like to be. Not the saint you're striving to become. But the being right here before you, inside you, around you. All of you is holy. You're already more and less than whatever you can know. Breathe out, look in, let go. (John Welwood)

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 V (John Alcock)

Call to Worship

Rise Up O Flame (words: Anonymous;
music: Christoph Praetorius) Children's Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Kaitlin Kramer, Worship Leader

***Hymn**

Sing Through my Voice (Beautiful Chorus)

Sing through my voice
Play through my hand
Let the way be open

Chalice Lighting

Abby Alberga, Coming of Age Youth

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 Peace is Flowing Like a River (traditional,
arr. Jim Scott) - 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
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

When the World is Sick
(Silver Mount Zion Orchestra and Tra-La-La band)

When the world is sick,
can't no one be well,
but I dreamt we was all beautiful and strong.

Spoken Prayer, followed by Drumming Meditation

Offertory

Largo (John Keeble)

Sermon

The Way of The Heart

Marisa Benson

***Hymn** Sing Your Soul (Beautiful Chorus)
It's time to open your heart
Its time to sing your soul

***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 in G (Henry Heron)

(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.

Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Beatrice Colby Synnott
by her daughter Marcia Synnott and son Thomas Synnott.

Greeters: Marion Stoddart, Cyndy Premru

Ushers: Dawn Sajdyk and Ellen Allen

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



Collaborative artwork by Marisa Benson and Colin Moyer

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."

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