

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

November 24, 2019

Ringing of the Bell

Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins

And the table will be wide. And the welcome will be wide.

And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

And our hearts will open wide to receive.

And we will come as children who trust there is enough.

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.

And we will turn toward each other without fear.

And we will give up our appetite for despair.

And we will taste and know of delight.

And we will become bread for a hungry world.

And we will become drink for those who thirst.

And the blessed will become the blessing.

And everywhere will be the feast. (Jan Richardson)

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.

Prelude

We Gather Together (traditional, arr. Clif Hardin)

Call to Worship

Holy Spirit (Shelley Jackson Denham)

Adult Choir; Jan Hadland, solo

Welcome and Announcements

Ed McNierney, Worship Leader

***Hymn**

If I Had A Hammer (Hays, Seeger)

insert

Chalice Lighting

Children of First Parish Church

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.

Arrágame, 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 The Story of Stone Soup

told by Middle Matters Youth

Anthem Go Not Far From Me, O God (Nicola Zingarelli) Adult Choir

Prayer of Gratitude

Offertory

Gavotte (Samuel Wesley)

Today's Offering is for the United Native American Cultural Center (UNACC), Devens, MA to help them with their urgent need to replace their boiler. Please put UNACC in the memo line of your check. Thank you for your generosity.

Around Our Grateful Table

Children: Why do we feed each other?

Adults and Youth: We feed each other because we are connected. We feed each other to remember that we need to both give and receive.

Children: What do we feed each other?

Adults and Youth: We feed each other bread as a symbol of our care and compassion for one another. We feed each other bread as a symbol of our hope and determination that, someday, all people will have enough.

Children: When do we feed each other?

Adults and Youth: We feed each other whenever we gather in community, when strangers become our friends, and when we work together to be a blessing to the world.

Children: How do we feed each other?

Adults: We feed each other by offering each other kindness. We feed each other by sharing our sorrow and our joy. We feed each other by choosing love over hatred. We feed each other by welcoming everyone to our table.

