

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

December 20, 2019

Welcome Music Improvisational Native American style
flute by Sue Beers and Sophie Clark

Song Fly, Fly, Fly (Lukin Laszlo, Lajos Bardos) Youth Choir

A Thought as the Service Begins Lena Donovan

Solstice Night by S. J. Tucker

Now comes the Solstice Night
I wish you safe and sound
whether snow be light
or heavy on the ground.

Our hearts bring back the light
as all the earth must do.
May stars fill up our sight
with wishes coming true.
My wish this Solstice Night
is grace and peace to you.

Welcoming and Calling the Directions

Meredith Hill, Amelia Luening, Sofie Santoro
Martina Smyth, Liz Davis-Chaffin

Reading As the Year Winds Down (Mark Stringer)
read by Kathy Parliment Benson
music by Sue Beers on Rav Vast steel tongue drum

Music Winter Song (Sara Bareillas, Ingrid Michaelson)
Youth Choir

Call and Response Reading (Liz Benjamin) Kira Hill, Youth
Response: The light is reborn.

Music Solstice Song (Alouette Iselin, arr. Peter Armidon)
Youth Choir

Refrain: Let me come in and share your light
For I'm without a friend tonight
Let me come in and share your light
And a warm place by your fire

Creating a Solstice Poem

*As the candlelight comes to you please share a one
to two word response. **What is a light in your life?***

Offertory (for Sanctuary Boston)

Reading The Shortest Day (Susan Cooper) Lindy Hanninen

Story for All Ages Rebirth of the Sun (Starhawk,
adapted by Martha Kilkoyn)

Lindy Hanninen, Sue Beers, and the Revel Players:
Maiden Sun – Sadie Foster
Mother Sun – Romiya Barry
Crone Sun – Kathryn Ellis Moore
New Sun – Naima Barry
Night Sky – Bailey Chaffin

Opening the Circle

Music Blessing (Donna Hebert, arr. Sandi Peaslee)
Youth Choir

*Thank you for coming tonight! We hope you will stay after
the service for snacks, drinks and warm conversation.*

Tonight's offering is for Sanctuary Boston. Sanctuary Boston is a community of vibrant worship and real connection founded in 2012. We gather in worship twice monthly on Wednesday evenings, alternating between Boston and Cambridge. community, or a seasoned seeker, you are welcome. First Parish youth and young adults have found community and inspiration there. For more information, visit <http://thesanctuaryboston.org/>

Checks should be made out to First Parish Church of Groton with Sanctuary Boston in the memo line.

Thank you!

Special thanks tonight to:

Shawn McCann, Director of Music Ministries

Liz Davis Chaffin, Director of Religious Education

Youth Choir

Musicians: Martina Symth (guitar), Sophie Clark and Sue Beers (Native American style flute)

Native American style flute songs for transporting the sun:

Zuni Sunrise, traditional

Lakota Courting Song, traditional

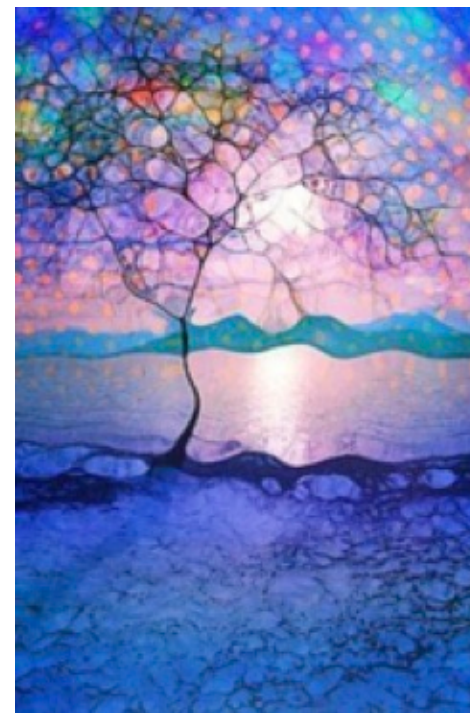
Kiowa Love Song, traditional

Anasazi Love Song (Steven De Ruby arr. Ami Sarasvati)

Whippoorwill (R. Carlos Nakai)

FIRST PARISH CHURCH

Groton, Massachusetts



The Light of a Winter Sky by Tara Turner

"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 and our Facebook page at First Parish Church of Groton, MA.

A Warm Welcome to All!

This is a service for all ages.
Children are especially welcome!