

FIRST PARISH CHURCH of GROTON

January 19, 2020

Ringing of the Bell Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins

A new America is being born, and it is fierce, gorgeous and fair. It is built on justice and mercy, and it makes room for everyone. To usher this new America into the world, we—every one of us—will need to be brave, brave, brave. (Rabbi Sharon Brous)

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.

Prelude Precious Lord, Take My Hand (Thomas A. Dorsey)

Welcome and Announcements Patrick Hughes, Worship Leader

***Hymn** Give Light (Artzner, Leonino)

1. Give light, and people will find the way (x3)
People will find the way I do believe
2. Teach peace...
3. Stand together...
4. Sing out...
5. Give light...

Chalice Lighting Barbara Rich

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

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.

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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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 Save Us (Carolyn Waters)

Sermon Braver Together

Rev. Elea Kemler

Litany of Commitment (adapted from Rabbi Margie Klein Ronkin)

Leader: Will you open your heart? Will you recognize that all people are one? We must learn to see ourselves in one another.

People: Your people will be my people. Where you go I will go.

Leader: Will you grow in compassion for yourself and for others? Will you remember that perfection is not asked of us, only persistence, and the willingness to risk for the sake of love?

People: We can be brave together.

Leader: Will you commit yourself to speaking out when you see hatred, prejudice or injustice. Will you be brave in using your voice, especially when others are silent?

