

FIRST PARISH CHURCH of GROTON

February 2, 2020

Ringing of the Bell

Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

Thought as the Service Begins

Have patience with everything unresolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves ... Don't search for the answers, which could not be given to you now, because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps, then, someday far in the future, you will gradually, without even noticing it, live your way into the answer.

(Rainer Maria Rilke)

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

The Powderhouse Gang

Amazing Grace (John Newton, arranged by Joe Johnson)

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (Spiritual, arranged by J.A. Parks)

What a Wonderful World (Weiss and Thiele, arranged by Bob Long)

Welcome and Announcements

Julie Andrews, Worship Leader

***Hymn**

Tis A Gift to Be Simple

#16

Tis a gift to be simple, tis a gift to be free;
tis a gift to come down where we ought to be;
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight,
till by turning, turning we come round right. (repeat)

Chalice Lighting

Meredith Hill, 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

Penny and Her Sled by Kevin Hanks

(adapted)

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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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.

Reading

It Was on Fire When I lay Down On It (excerpt)

by Robert Fulghum

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Offertory

The Powderhouse Gang

Richest Man in the World (Boudleaux, arr. by E. Moon)

Sermon

Patience Is More Than A Virtue

Nancy Baker

***Hymn**

Winds Be Still

#83

***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

The Powderhouse Gang

Irish Blessing (Traditional, arranged by Don Gray)

You Can Fly (arranged by C. Hin)

(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.

Ushers: Molly Foster, Krys Salon

Coffee Hour Hosts: Jai Luc Santoro, Sarah Stram

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Thank you to Nancy Baker, our guest preacher today. Nancy has been a member of the Milford, NH UU congregation for nearly 30 years. She is a past President of the congregation and has long served on its Worship Committee. Nancy taught classical languages and the history of ideas for many years, and in retirement is a frequent speaker and presenter of adult ed programs at libraries, the Currier Museum of Art, senior living centers and Rivier University.

Thank you also to the Powder House Gang and Kurt Staven for today's music!

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL, ESPECIALLY VISITORS. We are 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 sign one of the Guest Books on the tables near the front and back entrances, or send us an email at Welcoming@uugroton.org. We would love to be able to send you the monthly print newsletter and weekly emails about life at First Parish. Look for anyone wearing a yellow nametag at coffee hour. They are members of the Welcoming All team and would love to answer any questions or just get to know you.

First Parish is a Welcoming Congregation. We joyfully welcome members of the GLBTQ community and all!

FIRST PARISH CHURCH
Groton, Massachusetts



Words of The Year, 2020

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 downstairs in the large room beneath us 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."

For more information Please visit our website: www.uugroton.org and our Facebook page at First Parish Church of Groton, MA