

FIRST PARISH CHURCH of GROTON

February 16, 2020

Ringing of the Bell Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

Thought as the Service Begins

Cast your vision here
for this life with so much worth saving,
Cast your vision for the children being born right now,
into the world as it is
...offer the vision you've tried to talk yourself down from,
your wildest dream, your audacious aims,
the beauty that whispers to you
to follow, and build, and become
For *this* world coming undone
by distraction, and greed and fear – for this world
divided by made-up borders
and for so much that needs forgiveness –
Here, stir up your steadfast hope
your resolute clarity of what remains possible
Be generous with your dreaming and brave –
All paths to the future
are born in this courage of imagination –
this willingness to shed, to salvage, to start again
to be this blessing for each other
to be this blessed. (Gretchen Haley)

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 Stand By Me (King, Lieber, Stoller) UU Ukas

Welcome and Announcements Kaitlin Kramer, Worship Leader

***Hymn** Come, Sing a Song With Me #346

Chalice Lighting Kevin Pammett

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 Let the Mystery Be (Iris Dement) UU Ukas

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.

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Offertory Peace Train (Cat Stevens) UU Ukas

Sermon Be Generous in Your Dreaming Rev. Elea Kemler

***Hymn** My Sweet Lord (George Harrison) Insert

***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 Love Train (Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff) UU Ukas

(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: Kathleen Callahan, Peg Lorenz

Coffee Hour Hosts: Jai Luc Santoro, Sarah Stram

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Thank you so much to our musical guests this morning: The UU Ukes Ukulele Band from our neighbor church, First Church Unitarian of Littleton. Gina Leno is our accompanist today. Welcome!

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.

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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."

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

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