

FIRST PARISH CHURCH of GROTON

February 23, 2020

Ringing of the Bell Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

Thought as the Service Begins

Ask about your enemy's wounds and scars
Seek his hidden trouble.
Feed your enemy's children.
Learn their word for home.

Repair their well.
Learn their sorrow's history.
Trace their lineage of the good.
Ask them for a song.

Make tea. Break bread.
(Champion the Enemy's Need by Kim Stafford)

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 Amazing Grace/Precious Lord Medley (Traditional,
arr. Arthur Frackenhohl)

Welcome and Announcements Kathleen Callahan, Worship Leader

***Hymn** This Little Light Of Mine #118

Chalice Lighting Abraham Rahman

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

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.

Anthem Songs My Mother Taught Me (Antonin Dvorak,
arr. Paul Irwin)

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Offertory Gabriel's Oboe (Ennio Morricone, arr. Adrian Wagner)
(*Musicians' note: We dedicate this piece to retired oboist Nancy Burdine*)

Sermon Feed Your Enemy's Children; Learn Their Word for Home
Rev. Elea Kemler

***Hymn** Wake Now My Senses #298

***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 Andante Cantabile from Wind Quintet (Peter Rasmussen)
(*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: Krys Salon, Julie Andrews

Coffee Hour Hosts: Jai Luc Santoro, Sarah Stram

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**Thank you so much to our musical guests this morning, the
Woodwind Quintet:**

Martha Beesley, flute

Kiran Bhardwaj, oboe

Gary Seligson, clarinet

Michael Boyle, French horn

Betsy Ginsberg, bassoon

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 CHURCH

Groton, Massachusetts



Artwork by Lindy Hanninen

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