

FIRST PARISH CHURCH of GROTON

March 1, 2020

Ringing of the Bell

Emma Rose Marella, Bell-Ringer

Thought as the Service Begins

We gather here, on this cold winter morning,  
to be in the company of one another,  
trying our best to sow seeds of change  
from deep with the earth.

Here, we choose again, the possibility of thriving,  
learning how we might lead and live in love,  
so that all will someday thrive.

Let this be the beginning of the Great Turning,  
toward compassion and justice,  
toward gentleness and peace.

But for now, for this hour,  
we gather to breath and to sing,  
to grief and to celebrate  
and to listen to music of babies.

Come let us worship together.

(Elea Kemler inspired by Karen G. Johnston)

*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

Misty Roses (Tim Hardin)

Welcome and Announcements

Donna Nowak, Worship Leader

\*Hymn

We Shall Be Known (MaMuse)

We shall be known by the company we keep  
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires  
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap  
The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth

It is time now, it is time now that we thrive  
It is time we lead ourselves into the well  
It is time now, and what a time to be alive  
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love  
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Chalice Lighting

Sam Hendrickson

Response Hymn (*please remain seated*)

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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.

**The Dedication of Jasper Martin Emmons**, child of Matt and Stephanie Emmons, grandchild of Steve and Deb Boczenowski

**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  
As you go your way in peace

Anthem

Here's That Rainy Day (Burke, Van Heusen)

Reading

Excerpts from How to Be Perfect by Ken Padgett

**Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation**

Offertory

A Day In The Life Of A Fool (Sigman, Bonfa)

Sermon

Five Things Not to Believe

Rev. Elea Kemler

\*Hymn

Imagine (John Lennon)

Imagine there's no heaven, it's easy if you try  
No hell below us, above us only sky  
Imagine all the people, living for today....

Imagine there's no countries, it isn't hard to do  
Nothing to kill or die for, and no religion too

Imagine all the people, living life in peace  
You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one  
I hope someday you'll join us, and the world will be as one.

Imagine no possessions, I wonder if you can  
No need for greed or hunger, a brotherhood of man  
Imagine all the people, sharing all the world  
You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one  
I hope someday you'll join us, and the world will live as one.

**\*Sung Benediction**

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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** When Sunny Gets Blue (Segal, Fisher)

*(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.*

Greeters: Renee & Michael Brunelle, Dawn Sajdyk

Ushers: Molly Foster, Krys Salon

Coffee Hour Hosts: Jai Luc Santoro, Sarah Stram

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**Thank you so much to our musical guests this morning, our own Andrew Watson, and Kevin Visnaskas.**

**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](mailto:Welcoming@uugroton.org). We would love to be able to send you the monthly print newsletter and weekly emails about life at First Parish.

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH

Groton, Massachusetts



*Studio Art by Lindy Hanninen, Kathryn Ellis Moore and Shirley Man*

### 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](http://www.uugroton.org) and our Facebook page at First Parish Church of Groton, MA