

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

Sunday, May 14, 2006

A Thought before the Service Begins:

Becoming a mother makes you the mother of all children.

Charlotte Gray

*Peace is not something you wish for; it's
something you make, something you do, something you are, and
something you give away.*

Robert

Fulghum

(We ask that you turn off the ringers on your cell phones, beepers and electronic devices. Please join us in a time of quiet during the prelude.)

Prelude Con Spirito (Thomas Arne)

Ringing of the Bell Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

Call to Worship Rise Up, O Flame (traditional) - Children's Choir

Welcome and Announcements Margery Kimpton

***Hymn** For the Earth Forever Turning #163

Chalice Lighting Karen Goudey

Response Hymn *(please remain seated)*

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.

Anthem When the Spirit Says Do (traditional spiritual)
Children's Choir

Religious Educators Appreciation Parade

When the Saints Go Marching In *(see back of OOS for lyrics)*

Singing the Children and Teachers to Church School

Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go. (repeat)

Candles of Celebration and Concern

You are invited to come forward, light a candle and briefly share a joy or sorrow that has touched your life.

Reading Mother's Day Proclamation, written by Julia Ward Howe in 1870

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Offertory Andante (Mozart)

*Offertory Response

Words: Barbara Rich Music: Joshua Rich

Today we give our time
Our compassion, wit and song
Everyday we can choose,
To begin again in love.

We give what we can,
Generous as we can
Opening the doors
To begin again in love.

Sermon All that We Have Been Able to Teach Them Rev. Kemler

***Hymn** One More Step #168

*Benediction (sung)

As we leave this friendly place,
Love give light to every face.
May the kindness, which we learn,
Light our hearts till we return.

Postlude Voluntary in G (Henry Heron)

(Please remain seated during the Postlude. You are also invited to come to the front of the church and light a candle silently during this time. We ask the congregation to remain seated and silent until the last candle is lit.)

***Please stand as you are able.**

Large Print Hymnals, Orders of Service and Assisted Listening Devices are available at the sanctuary doors.

The flowers in church this morning are given by Muriel Timberlake, and her daughters Kanti Mann and Cheryl McLaughlin, in loving memory of Jack Timberlake

Greeters: Susanna Black and Florence Funch
Ushers: Jim Oehler and Maggie Grinnell
Fellowship Hour Hosts: Belinda Hutchins and Rocky Sandy