

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

Sunday, October 22, 2006

A Thought before the Service Begins:

Existence will remain meaningless for you if you do not penetrate into it with active love, and if you do not in this way discover its meaning for yourself. Martin Buber

(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 Voluntary in G (William Boyce)

Ringing of the Bell Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

Call to Worship Chimes

Welcome and Announcements Owen Shuman

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

Chalice Lighting Donna Nowak

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.

A Time for All Generations

Anthem Turn the World Around (Belafonte, Freedman)
Youth Choir

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.

Readings The Parable of the Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37
The Stranger on the Bus by Lawrence Kushner

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Offertory Pastorale (J.S. Bach)

*Offertory Response

Words: Melinda Green; Music: Shawn McCann

We thank each other for these gifts
Which makes our giving bless-ed.
We bless the works our gifts sustain
And pray they ripple outward.
With grace and generosity
We show our faith enacted.

Sermon Meeting the World With Fullness of Being Rev. Kemler

Hymn We'll Build A Land #121

*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 B flat (Maurice Greene)

(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.

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The flowers in church this morning are given in honor of Mary Doherty, mother of Kristin Moffat, whose passing is marked today.
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Greeters: Anna Eliot and Alison Dolbear

Ushers: Ellen Todd and John Jackson

Fellowship Hour Hosts: June Johnson and Steve Lieman