

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

Sunday, November 19, 2006

## A Thought before the Service Begins:

Around our table, in serene and holy light,  
we partake and are fed,  
and together give thanks.

The table where we eat becomes an altar.

Passing bread from one to another,  
a morsel of bread,  
an answering "Yes."  
Let us give thanks.

*(We ask that you turn off the ringers on your cell phones, beepers and other electronic devices. Thank you.)*

**Prelude**      Cornet Voluntary      (Starling Goodwin)

**Ringing of the Bell**      Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

**Call to Worship**      Let All Things Now Living (traditional)  
Youth Choir

**Welcome and Announcements**      Patrick Hughes

**\*Hymn**      This Land is Your Land (insert)

## Chalice Lighting

**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.

**The Celebration of New Members** Terri Ragot, Board of Deacons  
and the Membership Committee

**\*Hymns**      Enter Rejoice and Come In      #361  
Here We Have Gathered      #360

**Anthem**      Szekely Aldas (traditional Transylvanian blessing,  
music by Beth Norton)      Youth Choir

## A Time for All Generations

### 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.

**Offertory**      Air and Gavotte      (Samuel Wesley)

### \*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.

### The Sharing of Bread

**Responsive Reading** Only Bread is for the Breaking (insert)

**\*Hymn**      If I Had a Hammer (insert)

### \*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**      Trumpet Voluntary      (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 you to remain seated in quiet until the last candle is lit.)*

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

Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Beatrice C. Synnott from her daughter Marica and Don Thomas
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Greeters: Erin Healy and Jenny Clark

Ushers: Terri Ragot and Tom Crow

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Jane Roselund and Anna Eliot