

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

Sunday, January 28, 2007

A Thought before the Service Begins:

In Igmarr Bergman's "The Seventh Seal," the knight says:
I carry this memory between my hands as carefully as if it were a
bowl filled to the brim with fresh milk. And it will be an adequate
sign – it will be enough for me.

*(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 Adagio and Allegro from Trio Sonata in D
(Georg Telemann)**

Ringing of the Bell Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

Call to Worship Shall We Gather at the River (traditional)
Children's Choir

Welcome and Announcements Betty Keddy

***Hymn** Hail the Glorious Golden City #140

Chalice Lighting Gregg Baker

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 Imagine (John Lennon, arr. Shawn McCann)
Children's Choir and 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 Two poems from Tucson poets

"Doing Without"

"Rain"

by David Roy
by Ofelia Zepeda

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Offertory Con gravita ma non grave from Trio Sonata in D
(Georg Telemann)**

*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 View From My Window Rev. Charles Gaines

Hymn My Life Flows On in Endless Song #108

*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 Presto from Trio Sonata in D (Georg Telemann)**

*(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.**

****Special thanks to Paul Funch/flute, Susan Randazzo/cello, and
Stuart Schulman/violin**

The flowers in church this morning are given in loving memory of
Susan Skinner Gordon by David Gordon

Greeters: Edmund Lowney, Edythe Salzman
Ushers: Zoa and Peter Guernsey
Fellowship Hour Hosts: The Bennani Family