

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

Sunday, February 11, 2007

A Thought before the Service Begins:

Tell me *how* you seek and I will tell you *what* you are seeking.
Ludwig Wittgenstein

(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 Fughette und Choral (Johann Pachelbel)

Ringing of the Bell Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

Call to Worship Morning has Come (traditional) - Children's Choir

Welcome and Announcements Paul Funch

***Hymn** Guide My Feet #348

Chalice Lighting Religious Education Committee

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.

Honoring the Religious Educators of First Parish

A Time for All Generations

Anthem Open The Door (Joyce Poley) Children's 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.

Reading Shoes

by Lynn Ungar

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Offertory Aus tiefer (Zachau)

*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 Standing on Holy Ground Rev. Kemler

Hymn There is More Love Somewhere #95

*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.

Benediction Response

Postlude Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort (J.G. Walther)

(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 and Assisted Listening Devices are available at the sanctuary doors.

The flowers in church this morning are given by a friend of the church.

Greeters: Marge and David Kimpton

Ushers: Alison Dolbear, Georgess McHargue

Fellowship Hour Hosts: The Religious Education Committee