

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

Sunday, May 27, 2007

A Thought before the Service Begins:

*Each name recall'd by me from out the darkness and death's ashes,
Henceforth to be, deep, deep within my heart recording, for many
future year...* Walt Whitman

*(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 Clair De Lune (Debussy)

Ringing of the Bell Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

Call to Worship Chimes

Welcome and Announcements Ed O'Rourke

***Hymn** Thanks Be For These #322

Chalice Lighting Patrick Hughes

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 "The Wall" by Eve Bunting,
illus. by Ron Himler

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)

Responsive Reading The Young Dead Soldiers #583

Speaking of Names

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Offertory Ashokan Farewell

(Jay Unger)
Stuart Schulman, violin

*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.

Reflections on the Fifth Commandment Rev. Elea Kemler

*Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long
in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.*

Reflections on the Fifth Commandment Annie Rayhill

Hymn We Are Not Our Own #317

***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 Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum (Debussy)

*(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 in quiet 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.*

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The flowers in church this morning are given by Ellen Todd and
John Jackson in celebration of friends, family and spring.

Greeters: Jane Roselund, Florence Funch

Ushers: Michael and Lina Vine

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Pot Luck