

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

Sunday, November 11, 2007

A Thought before the Service Begins:

Since what we choose is what we are,
And what we love we yet shall be,
The goal may ever shine afar –
The will to win it makes us free.

William De Witt Hyde, 1858 - 1917

“Happiness and freedom begin with a clear understanding of one principle: Some things are within our control, and some things are not.”

Epictetus, 55 - 135

(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.)

Ringing of the Bell Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

Prelude Prelude in e minor (Johann Pachelbel)

Call to Worship Oh Great Spirit (arr. Jim Scott) - Children's Choir

Welcome and Announcements Susan Hughes

***Hymn** My Life Flows On in Endless Song #108

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 Earth's Endless Treasures (Ellen Hansen-Ellis)
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 A Handbook For Constructive Living (excerpt)
Reynolds David

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Offertory Fantasia (Johann Pachelbel)

*Offertory Response (Melinda Green/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 Intention: Choosing Our Life David Rynick

Hymn Sing Out Praises for the Journey #295

***Sung Benediction** Carry the Flame
Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.
Oh, carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.

Postlude Toccata in c minor (Johann Pachelbel)

(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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Join us downstairs for good food and conversation immediately following the service! All are welcome to join the Small Group Conversation, a quieter alternative to Fellowship Hour, in the first floor library at 11:30 AM.

The flowers in church this morning are given by
Ellen Todd and John Jackson

Greeters: Alison Barker; Joanne Watson

Ushers: Terri Ragot; Tom Crow

Fellowship Hour Hosts: June Johnson and Steve Lieman