

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

January 20, 2008

A Thought before the Service Begins:

*"We will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters,
and righteousness like a mighty stream."*

Martin Luther King, Jr., paraphrasing Amos 5:24

*(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 Medley of Spirituals

Call to Worship Now Let Us Sing (anonymous) Adult Choir

Welcome and Announcements Deb Johnson

***Hymn** Glory, Glory, Hallelujah #201

Chalice Lighting and Sabbatical Reflection Steve Lieman

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 Martin's Big Words
by Doreen Rappaport

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)

Anthem Every Time I Feel the Spirit
(traditional, arr. William L. Dawson) Adult Choir

Introduction to This Morning's Sermon Kathy Reiff

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Offertory Meditation (Duke Ellington)

***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 Excerpts from *Letter from Birmingham Jail*
by Martin Luther King, Jr.
read by Kathy Reiff, Patrick Hughes,
Owen Shuman, Rocky Sandy, and Donna Nowak

***Hymn** Precious Lord, Take My Hand #199

***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.

Benediction Response Do Lord, Remember Me
(traditional, arr. William Farley Smith) Adult Choir

Postlude Jubilation (Carleton Inniss)

*(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.*

*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
Susan Hughes in memory of her father, Kenneth Adwan

Greeters: Suzanna Black, Lynn Pammett
Ushers: Janet Armstrong, Allegra Harris
Fellowship Hour Host: Deena Clevesen