

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

April 13, 2008

## A Thought before the Service Begins:

*Someone struggling to get out of the mud may never realize that the wiser and safer action to take would be to get with the mud.*  
Dr. Stephen Hayes

*(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** Selections from 'Miniatures' (Flor Peeters)

**Call to Worship** We Are the Rain and the Rainbow  
(Cynthia Crossen) Children's Choir

**Welcome and Announcements** Brenna Mayer

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

**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

**Anthem** The Garden Song (David Mallet) - 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** Excerpt from *The Mindful Way Through Depression*  
by Mark Williams, et al

## Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

**Offertory** Prelude and Fugue in d minor  
(from The Well Tempered Clavier) (J.S. Bach)

**\*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** Refreshing Our Minds: Acceptance and Commitment  
David Rynick

**\*Hymn** I've Got Peace Like a River #100

**\*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** Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr (Zachau / Vetter)

*(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.*

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The flowers in church this morning are given by Becky Barth  
and Clio Fisher in honor of their mother and grandmother,  
Marian Ivy Tyler

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Greeters: Gregg Baker, Jacquie Rogers

Ushers: Susan Hughes, Jim Moisson

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Sr. Youth Group & Youth Ministry Team