

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

April 11, 2010

Ringing of the Bell Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins Michael Ellis Moore

Our connections lead to friendships
Our friendships open us to differences
Our differences lead us to understanding
And understanding leads to love and peace
(Maeve Kidney, First Parish youth)

Whenever I meet even a "foreigner," I have always the same feeling: "I am meeting another member of the human family." This attitude has deepened my affection and respect for all beings. May this natural wish be my small contribution to world peace. I pray for a more friendly, more caring, and more understanding human family on this planet. To all who dislike suffering, who cherish lasting happiness — this is my heartfelt appeal.
(The Dalai Lama)

If you have come to help me, then you are wasting your time. But, if you have come because your destiny is bound up with mine, then let us work together.
(Lila Watson, aboriginal elder)

(We ask that you turn off the ringers on your cell phones and electronic devices. Please join us in a time of quiet during the prelude.)

Prelude Let It Be (Lennon, McCartney)
Hannah Tellier, piano

Call to Worship Lean on Me (Bill Withers)

Welcome and Announcements Sue Lotz, Worship Leader

***Hymn** This Is My Song #159

Chalice Lighting Hannah and Lauren Tellier

Response Hymn *(please remain seated)* #123

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 Global Unit Story
with Liz Davis-Chaffin, Will Frey, Clara O'Rourke and Gabe Ellis Moore, and technical assistance from Trevor and Jim Frey; photos courtesy of Bob Lotz

Singing the Children and Teachers to Church School

First Parish Youth Reflections
Sam Torgersen, Michael Ellis Moore

Anthem You'll Be in My Heart (Phil Collins)
Hannah Tellier, vocal

Reading from Annie Rayhill

Refugee Parent Reflection Farouq Ali

Spoken Prayer Sherry Spaulding

Offertory A Little Help from My Friends (Lennon, McCartney)
Sam Torgersen, guitar

***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.

Refugee Youth Reflections

Responsive Reading

Anya Harter

Peace means the beginning of a new world.

It means that nations are friends;

It means joy to the world.

Peace is quiet and calm; it is rest;

It is silence after a storm.

It is love and friendship.

It is the world's dream of dreams.

Peace brings comfort and happiness;

It brings bread to the hungry;

It brings prosperity to the nations.

It means the strong respect the weak,

The great respect the small,

The many respect the few.

It is like spring after winter;

It brings sunshine into the world;

It is like sweet music after harsh sounds.

If there is to be peace in the world,

There must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations,

There must be peace in the cities.

If there is to be peace in the cities,

There must be peace between neighbors,

If there is to be peace between neighbors,

There must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home,

There must be peace in the heart.

First Parish Parent Reflection

Don Torgersen

*Hymn

Imagine (John Lennon)

see back cover for lyrics

*Sung Benediction

Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.

Oh, carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.

*Spoken Benediction

Postlude

Revolution (Lennon, McCartney)

Sam Torgersen, guitar

(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. Please place your candle toward the back of the candle table. We ask the congregation to remain seated in quiet until the last candle is lit.)

*Please stand as you are able.

Large Print Hymnals, Sunday Bulletins and Assisted Listening Devices are available at the sanctuary doors. If you don't wish to keep your Sunday Bulletin, please place it one of the recycle baskets at the sanctuary exits.

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Join us downstairs for good food and conversation immediately following the service!

The flowers in church this morning are given by Katharyn Dawson in celebration of Keith's birthday.

Greeters: Laura Mangones, Amalia Zagorski, Jenny Clark,
Abbie Clark, Caleb Clark

Ushers: Laura Lundberg Donovan and Paul Donovan

Special thanks this morning to the musicians - Hannah Tellier and Sam Torgersen.

Special thanks also to Bob Lotz for the photographs shown during the service. If you would like to view the photos again, visit the First Parish web site at www.uugroton.org. Click on the Members Only Area link on the left, sign in, and then use the Members Only Area drop-down navigation to select Photos. Note: User name and password information can be obtained from the webmaster or church office.

Imagine

John Lennon

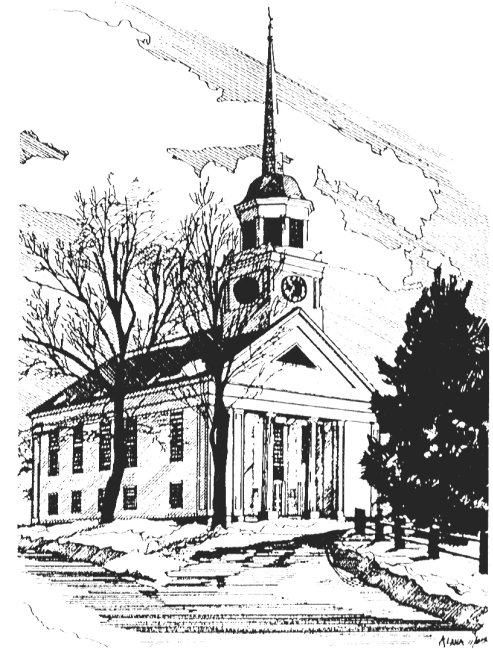
Imagine there's no Heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us only sky
Imagine all the people
Living for today

Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion too
Imagine all the people
Living life in peace

You may say that I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world

You may say that I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one



FIRST PARISH CHURCH

Groton, Massachusetts

"We are a community seeking to deepen spiritually, to take care of one another, and to be a blessing to the world."

A Warm Welcome to All!

There is childcare for infants and toddlers through age 4 years beginning at 9:50 AM on the second floor of the East Wing and you are welcome to take children there at any time during the service. There are quiet toys in the soft, red pouches in each pew. The service is also broadcast downstairs in the large room beneath us if children become restless.