

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

May 23, 2010

Hannah Tellier, mentored by Amalia Zagorski
Kathryn Wheeler, mentored by Anna Eliot

Ringing of the Bell Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins

You are in the story of the world.
You are the world coming to know itself.
May you trust that all you will ever say or do
Belongs in the story of the world. (Ean Huntington Behr)

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

Prelude Sonata L. 104 (Domenico Scarlatti)

Call to Worship Love, Be Our Way (Carolyn McDade)
Adult Choir

Welcome and Announcements Melinda Green, Worship Leader

***Hymn** Enter, Rejoice and Come In #361

Chalice Lighting Abbie Clark and Gina Perini Benedict

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.

Presentation of Coming of Age Candidates and Honoring of Mentors

Abbie Clark, mentored by Gina Perini Benedict
Trevor Frey, mentored by Steve Lieman
Conor McNierney, mentored by Gregg Baker
Jackie Meyer, mentored by Keith and Kathryn Dawson
Gabriel Moore, mentored by Rocky Sandy
Sean Nishi, mentored by Roger Allen
Clara O'Rourke, Independent Study, mentored by Sue Lotz

A Time for All Generations

***Hymn:** This Little Light of Mine #118

Singing the Children and Teachers to Church School

Go now in peace. Go now in peace. #413
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go. (repeat)

Faith into Action Stories, Part I

Abbie Clark, Trevor Frey, *Jackie Meyer
*(*The text of Jackie's talk is provided as an insert in your order of
service. Feel free to read along as she speaks.)*
(Please hold all applause until after the Community Blessing!)

Anthem I Will Sing With The Spirit (John Rutter) Adult Choir

Faith into Action Stories, Part II

Conor McNierney and Sean Nishi, Gabe Moore

Offertory Song without words, Op. 102 No. 4 (Mendelssohn)

*Today's offering is for the Community Children's Fund, which helps
local families with school-aged children. This assistance includes
gifts during the holidays, scholarships for summer or sports camps,
school supplies, and other emergency needs.
Please give as generously as you are able.*

***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.

Faith into Action Stories, Part III

Clara O'Rourke, Hannah Tellier, Kathryn Wheeler
(Service continues on back cover)

