

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

May 30, 2010

Ring of the Bell Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins

Re-member us, you who are living, restore us, renew us.
Speak for our silence. Continue our work.
Bless the breath of life. Sing of the hidden patterns.
Weave the web of peace. (Judith Anderson)

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

Prelude Sonatina #6, 1st Movement, Allegro Clementi

Welcome and Announcements June Johnson, Worship Leader

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

Chalice Lighting Amy Sturm

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

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.

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)

Reading Lessons from Old Warriors by Patrick Hughes

**Reading of Names, followed by Spoken Prayer and Silent
Meditation**

Offertory Sonatina #6, 2nd Movement, Air Suisse Clementi

***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 The Responsibility of Memory, The Strength of Hope
Rev. Elea Kemler

***Hymn** What Wondrous Love #18

*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.

Postlude Sonatina #6, Allegro Clementi

*(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! 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 a friend of
First Parish.

Greeters: Alison Dolbear, Jane Roselund
Ushers: Patrick Hughes, Suzanne Nelson