

We Welcome all in Christ's Name

- *Please silence cell phones during the worship service.*
- Large Print Bulletins are available from ushers.
- Hearing assist devices are available for those who desire

Prelude is a time for Quiet Meditation

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Sanctuary"

***Opening Prayer:** Rev. Marilyn Spurrell, DS

Eternal and loving God, today we give thanks to you for your goodness through all the years of worship and witness in this place. For your grace in calling us to be your people, for your love revealed to us in Christ your Son, for your gift of the Spirit and the joy of salvation

C: We give you thanks, O God.

For those who established this congregation, for their faith and vision, for their gifts and abilities

C: We give you thanks, O God.

For all who have been members of this congregation, for those who have given freely of their time and money, for those whose wisdom guided our congregation

C: We give you thanks, O God.

For all who have preached and taught here; for all who have confessed here that Jesus is Lord; for all who today lead in worship, witness, and service

C: We give you thanks, O God.

Give us the assurance that we too belong to that great company, and that we too may find the peace that passes understanding; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn** "No Not One" (Insert)

Scripture Jeremiah 29:10-14

Special Music Children's Choir

Pastoral Reflection

Hymn "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" **No. 526**

Pastoral Reflection

The Giving of Ourselves, Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "Be Thou My Vision" **Men's Choir**

***Doxology** **No. 95**

***Prayer of Dedication**

O God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Save the community of your people from cowardly surrender to the world, from rendering unto Caesar what belongs to you, and from forgetting the eternal gospel amid the temporal pressures of our troubled days. For the unity of the Church we pray, and for fellowship across the embittered lines of race and nation; to growth in grace, building in love, enlargement in service, increase in wisdom, faith, charity, and power, we dedicate our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Scripture 1 John 3:1-2, 18-24

Pastoral Reflection

Anthem "Faith of Our Fathers" **Men's Choir**

Pastoral Reflection

Hymn "The Old Rugged Cross" **No. 504**

Pastoral Reflection

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** "And Are We Yet Alive" **No. 553**

***Benediction** **No. 607**

POSTLUDE **You are INVITED to stand.*

WELCOME Visitors! We are so glad to have you with us! There is a place for you here. Please come again soon!

Please be seated and wait for guidance from the ushers.

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GROTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Membership Angel Trees

There are a total of 1,604 angels on the three trees in the sanctuary. Each angel represents an individual member and the date they became a member of one of our three churches during our 125 year history. The two trees on the altar represent members from our second church. The three trees at the back of the church represent members from our first and third (current) churches. Think of the positive way our Groton church has influenced so many lives.

“Walking a 125 Year Path” Tour Includes

- **The Small Chapel:** Note the altar from our second church. Our book of Memorial Gifts is located here also.
- **The Library:** Enjoy the history shadow box on the wall by the door.
- **The Sunday School Rooms:** Rooms on both the north and east side have been decorated with crafts by our Vacation Bible School children using a theme of “The Bible: Through the Years”.
- **The Hallways:** Follow the historical path of pictures, personal memory letters, articles, memorabilia, etc. from 1886 to 2011.



September 18, 2011

Worship Time: Groton-11 am

Meal & Fellowship 12:00-1:30

Pictorial Slide Show 1:30-2:00

Program 2:00-3:00

Coffee & Cake 3:00-4:00