



The United Parish in Brookline

American Baptist • United Church of Christ • United Methodist

Rooted in the past, Reaching into our Future

Celebrating United Parish's 50th Anniversary



A rally and vigil for George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Artery and local fallen people, organized by Black Lives Matter Boston and Violence in Boston held in Franklin Park on June 2, 2020. Image credit: Jim Davis/The Boston Globe Staff/boston.com

June 21, 2020

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Adventures in Faith: Resistance and Action

Gathering Music

We transition into our sacred time together as our music invokes the spirit of God.

Morning Has Broken

Amazing Grace

Elise Molloy
Tower Bells

Leann Canty
Tower Bells

Chiming the Trinity

We call forth God the Creator, Savior and Holy Spirit with a chime.

Lighting the Christ Candle

We invoke the Spirit of Christ among us.

Luke Molloy
Acolyte

One: May Christ, the light of the world;
All: Enlighten our hearts with love!

Hymn of Commitment

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

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We lift our voices, bodies, minds and spirits as a community in a song of praise.

TUNE: HENDON

We invite you to sing, speak or silently read the words together.

** means we invite you to rise in body and spirit*

*Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.*

*Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.*

*Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my will your will be done;
Make your will and mine be done.
Take my heart and by your grace
Make of it your dwelling place
Make of it your dwelling place*

*Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, let it ring.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.*

*Take my love; my God, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.*

Greetings *We warmly welcome all into our midst.*

Amy Norton and Kent French
Associate and Senior Pastors

Prayer of Confession *unison*

Together, we confess the ways we have gotten out of step with God and seek to re-center ourselves in the Love of God.

Loving and compassionate God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid.
We confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in one another, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We turn away from the harm that enslaves us,
the harm we have done
and the harm done on our behalf.
Forgive us, restore and strengthen us, we pray.
Cleans the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name....

Silent Confession

We continue praying in silence for up to one minute for our personal confessions and spiritual centering.

One: O God, in your compassion,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

***Assurance of Grace** *We receive the Good News that we are loved, forgiven and renewed in God's presence.*

*The Peace of Christ

We share this Good News among ourselves with words of Peace and Love, while we shake hands, hug, fist bump, rub elbows, or bow to one another.

One: The Peace of Christ be with you always;
All: **And also with you.**

Anthem

*We re-gather
as the choir offers a song of
praise and thanksgiving.*

Total Praise
by Richard Smallwood
arranged by Patrick Barrett and Doreen Rao

Chancel Choir

*Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills,
Knowing my help is coming from You.
Your peace, You give me in time of the storm.
You are the source of my strength,
You are the strength of my life,
I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.*

Reading from the Epistles

Ephesians 6:10-20

Kiran Kurmi

We reflect together on these words from the correspondence of the first Christians.

One: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God in Spirit,
For the Word of God among us;
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Message

*We reflect together
on how the Word of God
plays out in our lives.*

When is Someday?
sermon preached May 31, 2020

Otis Moss III, *Senior Pastor*
Trinity United Church of Christ
Chicago, Illinois

Sung Response

We reflect on the message through poetry and song.

We Shall Overcome

verses 1, 2, and 4

#570

TUNE: WE SHALL OVERCOME

Helen Hassinger, Kristen Murdaugh, Nick Duffin, song leaders

1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -
 2 We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in
 3 We are not a - fraid, we are not a -
 4 God will see us through, God will see us

come, we shall o - ver - come some day;
 hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;
 fraid, we are not a - fraid to - day;
 through, God will see us through some day;

(1-6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,

we shall o - ver - come some day.
 we'll go hand in hand some day.
 we are not a - fraid to - day.
 God will see us through some day.

Prayers of the People

We pray together for our congregation, our surrounding community, the nation, and the world.

Amy Norton

One: O God, hear our prayer,
 All: And guide us in your love.

***Lord's Prayer** *We say together the prayer Jesus taught his disciples.
We invite you to use your chosen words for God: Father, Mother, Abba, Allah or...*

**Our Creator in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
On Earth as in Heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,**

**As we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Offering

We offer our gifts for God's service and our visitor cards. No gift is too small or too large. All are precious.

Invitation *We hear from community members about why they take part.*

Sarah Spencer
*Stretching into Justice
Ministry Team*

Doxology

*We bring forth our
gifts with a song of praise.*

Oh, We Give Thanks
by Wendy Luella Perkins

*Oh, we give thanks
For this precious day
For all gathered here
And those far away;*

*For this time we share
With Love and care,
Oh, we give thanks
For this precious day
Al-le-lu-ia....*

*Oh, we give thanks
For this precious day,
For all gathered here
And those far away;*

*For this time we share
With Love and care,
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Al-le-lu-ia....*

Song of Commitment

*Together in song, we set our intention
in leaving this sacred space.*

If Not Now, Tell Me When
by Carrie Newcomer

Led by Cantor Hollis Schachner,
Susan DeSelms, Chancel Choir
Helen Hassinger, violin

*If not now, tell me when (repeat)
We may never see this moment
Or place in time again
If not now, if not now, tell me when.*

*So we'll work it 'til it's done
Every person, every one,
Every soul that ever longed for something better,
Something brighter.*

*I see sorrow and trouble in this land (repeat)
Although there will be struggle
we'll make the change we can.
If not now, if not now, tell me when.*

*It will take a change of heart for this to mend.
(repeat)
But miracles do happen
every shining now and then
If not now, if not now, tell me when? (repeat)*

*I may never see the promised land. (repeat)
And yet we'll take the journey
And walk it hand in hand
If not now, if not now, tell me when*

*But miracles do happen
every shining now and then
If not now, if not now, tell me when?*

Holy Business *We share news of God's work in our community's activities.*

Benediction *We receive a blessing as we prepare to depart this sacred gathering.*

Benediction Response

We respond to the blessing with song.

Ode to Joy

Luke Molloy
Tower Bells

Please join us immediately after worship for our All-Parish Meeting on Zoom,
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86495598269?pwd=eFhqZFtSSllxRHMza1pVOCsrZWwwQT09>

Meeting ID: 864 9559 8269

Password: 763186

Or call 646-558-8656

Remember to sign up for **all-parish news**:
contact office@upbrookline.org to join the mailing list.

If you haven't already, please sign up for **Realm**, our **online church directory**.

It's the best way to stay connected with our community.

<https://www.unitedparishbrookline.org/sign-up-for-the-church-online-photo-directory>

Thanks to Paul and Roberto Lauro-Priestly for playing the Tower Bells at United Parish this morning.

WELCOME

We at the United Parish in Brookline believe that all people are made in the image of God and embrace and cherish every person and every kind of family. Jesus Christ welcomed everyone; we seek to follow his example in our own life and worship, by extending God's love and grace abundantly and equally to everyone. We affirm and welcome all people to share in worship, fellowship and leadership with us, to join us in a diversity of race, gender, sexual identity, physical or mental ability, ethnicity or economic means.

We have joined with other Open and Affirming (United Church of Christ) and Welcoming and Affirming (American Baptist Churches USA), as well as with the Reconciling Ministries Network (United Methodist Churches) to declare that we are and will remain open to all persons, including gay, lesbian, transgender and bisexual people.

We invite you to consider becoming a member of the United Parish family. You may become a member by transferring membership or by a statement of faith. If you desire to retain ties with a former church, we invite you to become an associate or affiliate member for the time you are with us.

Ministers
Senior Pastor
Associate Pastor
Minister of Music
Assistant Music Director
Parish Administrator
Facilities Manager
Building Usage Coordinator
Accounting Administrator
Multimedia Producer
Nursery Supervisor
Pastor Emerita

The People of the United Parish
Kent French
Amy Norton
Susan DeSelms
Josaphat Contreras
Sarah Fitzpatrick
David Dunphy
Helen Hassinger
Donald Firth
Jack Lilburn
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