



# The United Parish in Brookline

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## May 10, 2020 Fifth Sunday of Easter

### PRELUDE

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

*Musical Tributes for Mother's Day*

Susan DeSelms  
Minister of Music

*I'll Be There*

by Berry Gordy, Hal Davis, Bob West, and Willie Hutch

Kristen Murdaugh

*Love Walked In*

Words and Music by George and Ira Gershwin

Merle Perkins

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*  
by Robert Wordsworth Lowry

Helen Hassinger

### \*CHIMING THE TRINITY

*We call forth God the Creator, Savior and Holy Spirit in musical tones.*

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

**\*OPENING HYMN**

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

**O God, As We Pause**

Lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Helen Hassinger, *voice and violin*

Kristen Murdaugh,

Josaphat Contreras, Nick Duffin,

John and Noemi Sugrue, Sally Stoyell,

Sue Van Dyke, Jim DeSelms, David Flanagan, *voice*

FOUNDATION

O God, as we pause from our u - su - al ways,  
May we find your bles - sings in small com - mon things;  
God, may we re - flect on a world that has changed  
As greed and in - jus - tice are be - ing laid bare,  
So, turn us a - round, Lord, to make your world new;

as mil - lions stay home, as we count pas - sing days,  
may we learn the joy that com - mu - ni - ty brings.  
a world where our val - ues have been re - ar - ranged.  
may we build a na - tion that's lov - ing and fair.  
May we seek, in all things, to first fol - low you.

may we learn what mat - ters what real - ly has worth.  
In lov - ing our neigh - bors, in stop - ping to pray,  
For those who once thought they could stand by them - selves  
God, give us the cour - age to change what we can,  
In change and in sor - row may we seek your reign.

May we seek your reign as we live here on earth.  
may we know your pre - sence in each pas - sing day.  
now val - ue the work - ers who re - stock the shelves.  
to work for the jus - tice that's part of your plan.  
O God, in our paus - ing, re - store us a - gain.

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Cam Machado

*We set our intention for worship with this call and response.*

One: Come home to the presence of God in this time,

**All: As we pause to drink in the comfort of community.**

One: Come home to the center of your spirit,

**All: Resting in the stillness of prayer.**

One: Come home to the hope of expectation,

**All: And prepare our hearts for holy surprises.**

One: Come home to connection and resilience,

**All: For we are the body of Christ.**

One: Come home to this space of belonging and becoming,

**All: As we live as witnesses that our redeemer lives.**

## **EASTER ACCLAMATION**

*We celebrate the arrival of Easter, the Day of Christ's Resurrection.*

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **GREETINGS**

*We warmly welcome all into our midst.*

Kent French and Amy Norton

*Senior and Associate Pastors*

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

## **CENTERING PRAYER** *in unison*

*We center ourselves in the awareness of God's presence.*

God of Love,  
to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PREPARATION

*Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Helen Hassinger, *voice and violin*

*We prepare for confession with music.*

Kristen Murdaugh,

Josaphat Contreras, Nick Duffin, *voice*

BRADBURY

Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten-der care;

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten-der care;"

in your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "in your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare."

Blessed Je - sus, bles-sed Je - sus, you have sought us, yours we are;

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Blessed Je - sus, bles-sed Je - sus, you have sought us, yours we are;"

Blessed Jes - us, bles-sed Je - sus, you have sought us, yours we are.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "Blessed Jes - us, bles-sed Je - sus, you have sought us, yours we are."

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Kent French  
Senior Pastor

Loving and most compassionate God,  
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.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit  
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy 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 PARDON** *We receive the Good News that we are loved, forgiven and renewed in God's presence.*

**\*THE PEACE** *We share the 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 and the Love of God be with you always;

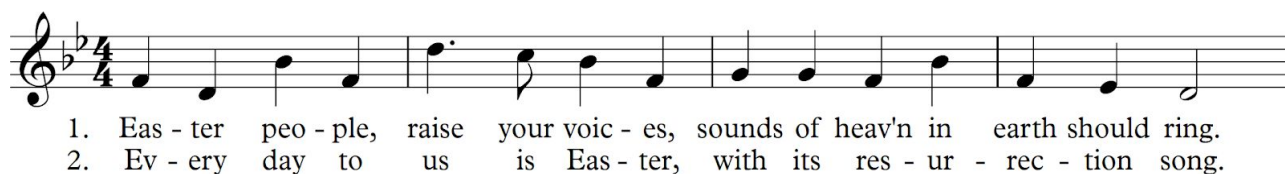
All: And also with you.

## \*PEACE RESPONSE

*Easter People Raise Your Voices*

*We re-gather with our voices in song.*

Congregation  
REGENT SQUARE



**READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT**

Acts 3:1-10

Tyler Smith

*We reflect together on these words from the ministry of early Church,  
the followers of Jesus, the people of The Way.*

**One:** For the Good News of the Holy Spirit,

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

**MESSAGE**

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

Lexi Boudreaux

*United Parish Member in Discernment  
Pastoral Associate, First Church in Cambridge*



Lexi serving at the Friday Cafe at First Church, Cambridge.

**SUNG RESPONSE**

*We reflect on the message through  
poetry and song.*

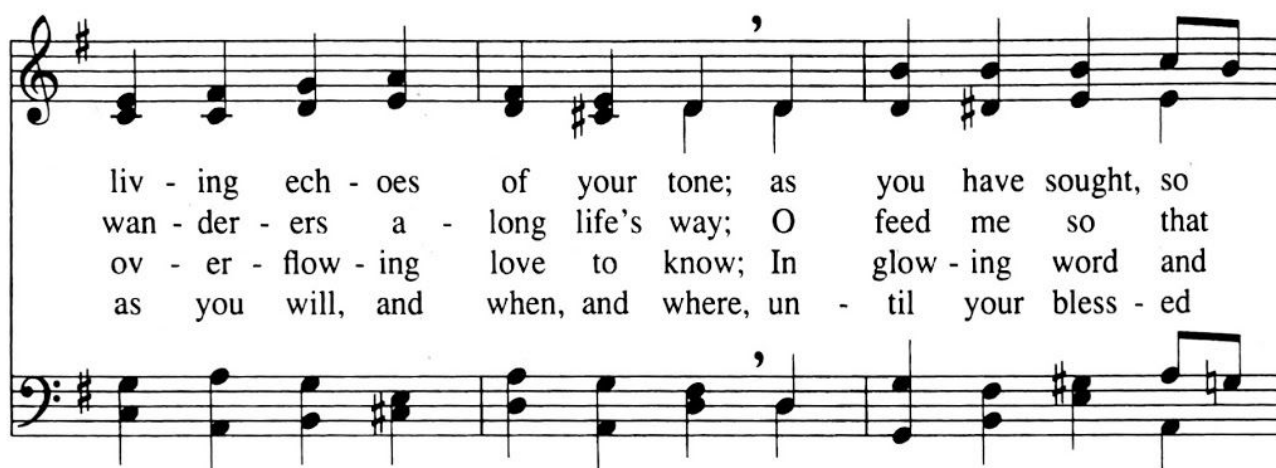
*God Speak to Me that I May Seek*

*Helen Hassinger, voice and violin*

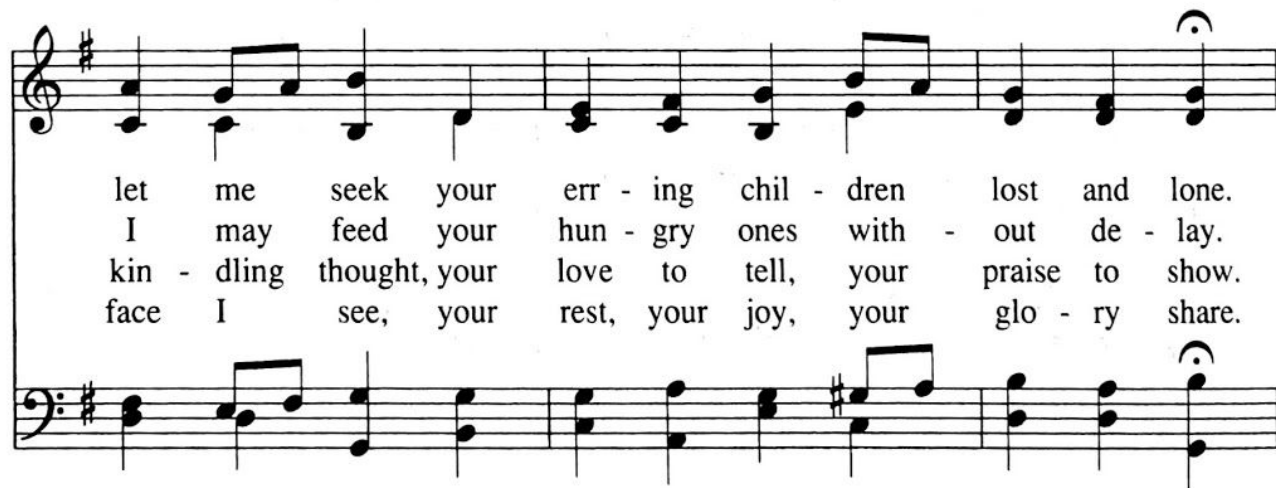
*Kristen Murdaugh, Jim DeSelms, voice*



1 God, speak to me, that I may speak in  
2 O lead me, God, that I may lead some  
3 O fill me with your full - ness, God, your  
4 O use me, God, use ev - en me just



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
wan - der - ers a - long life's way; O feed me so that  
ov - er - flow - ing love to know; In glow - ing word and  
as you will, and when, and where, un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.  
I may feed your hun - gry ones with - out de - lay.  
kin - dling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Amy Norton and Jaz Buchanan  
Associate Pastor and Seminarian

One: O God, hear our prayer;

All: **And guide us in your love.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *We say together the prayer Jesus taught us.*

*We invite you to use your chosen words for God: Father, Mother, Abba, Allah or . . .*

**Our Creator, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
On Earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses,**

**As we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. 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

Koinonia Martin-Page

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

### Offertory Anthem

*We offer our gifts as musicians offer  
songs of praise and thanksgiving.*

*Will There Really be a Morning*

words by Emily Dickinson

music by Ricky Ian Gordon

Jami Rogers Anderson, soprano

Susan Rogers DeSelms, piano

Recorded for Mother's Day, 2020

with gratitude, dedicated to their mom, Mary Jane Rogers

*Will there really be a "Morning"?  
Is there such a thing as "Day"?  
Could I see it from the mountains  
If I were as tall as they?*

*Oh some Scholar! Oh some Sailor!  
Oh some Wise Men from the skies!  
Please to tell a little Pilgrim  
Where the place called "Morning" lies.*

*Has it feet like Water lilies?  
Has it feathers like a Bird?  
Is it brought from famous places  
Of which I have never heard?*

### \*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*We re-join our voices in thanksgiving.*

Congregation  
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Called as Partners In Christ's Service* Helen Hassinger, voice and violin

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

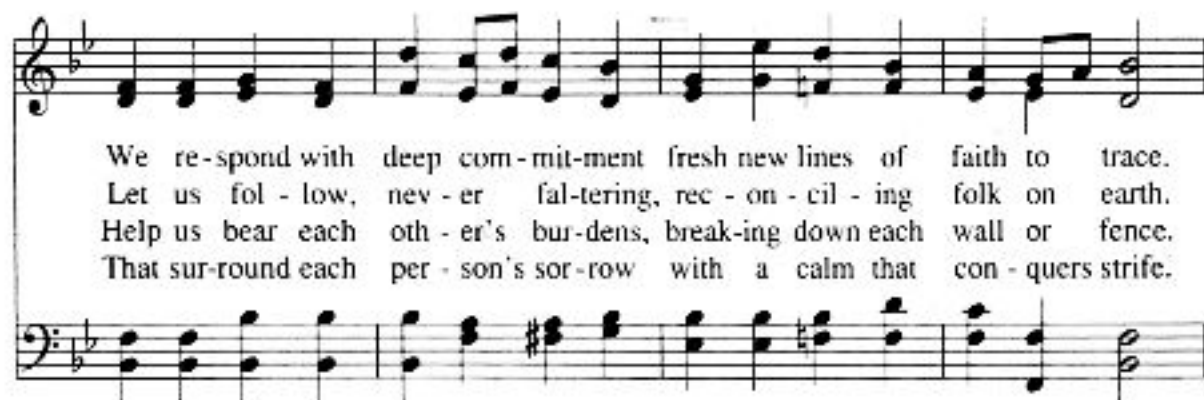
Kristen Murdaugh, Jim DeSelms, voice

BEECHER

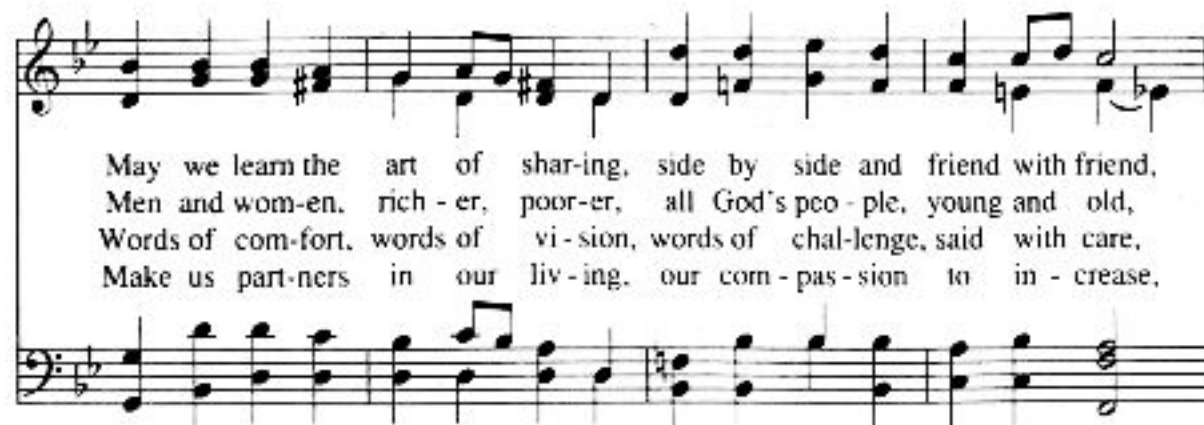
We invite you to sing, speak or silently read the words together.



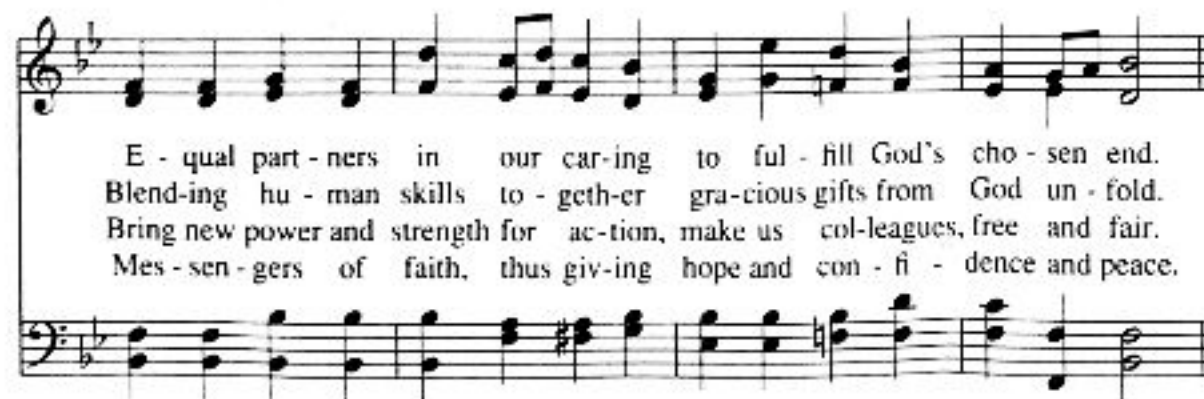
1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth.  
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E - qual part - ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.  
Blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.  
Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

## 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 we have just received.*

*God is Watching Over You*

United Parish Carolers  
from the CD "I Am a Promise"  
Melanie Hsu Chernin, soloist

Many thanks to Jack Lilburn for generously editing today's online worship.

Today's cover image is a photograph by Lexi Boudreaux.

Please join us immediately after worship for **Virtual Coffee Hour** on Zoom,  
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/86391105231?pwd=b2NtTm5DWGF2WjVBdEc5TERBVIZ4UT09>

Meeting ID: 863 9110 5231 — Password: 689341

Or call 646-558-8656

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contact [office@upbrookline.org](mailto: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>

# 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 and mental ability, ethnicity and 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 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.

*We ask that you silence all electronic devices.  
Please see an usher if you would like a hearing assistive device.*

*Because our building is open to the public,  
an adult should accompany children if/when they leave the worship service.*

Ministers  
Senior Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Seminarian  
Minister of Music  
Assistant Music Director  
Communications and Office Administrator  
Facilities Manager  
Building Usage Coordinator  
Accounting Administrator  
Nursery Supervisor  
Pastor Emerita

The People of the United Parish  
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Helen Hassinger  
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