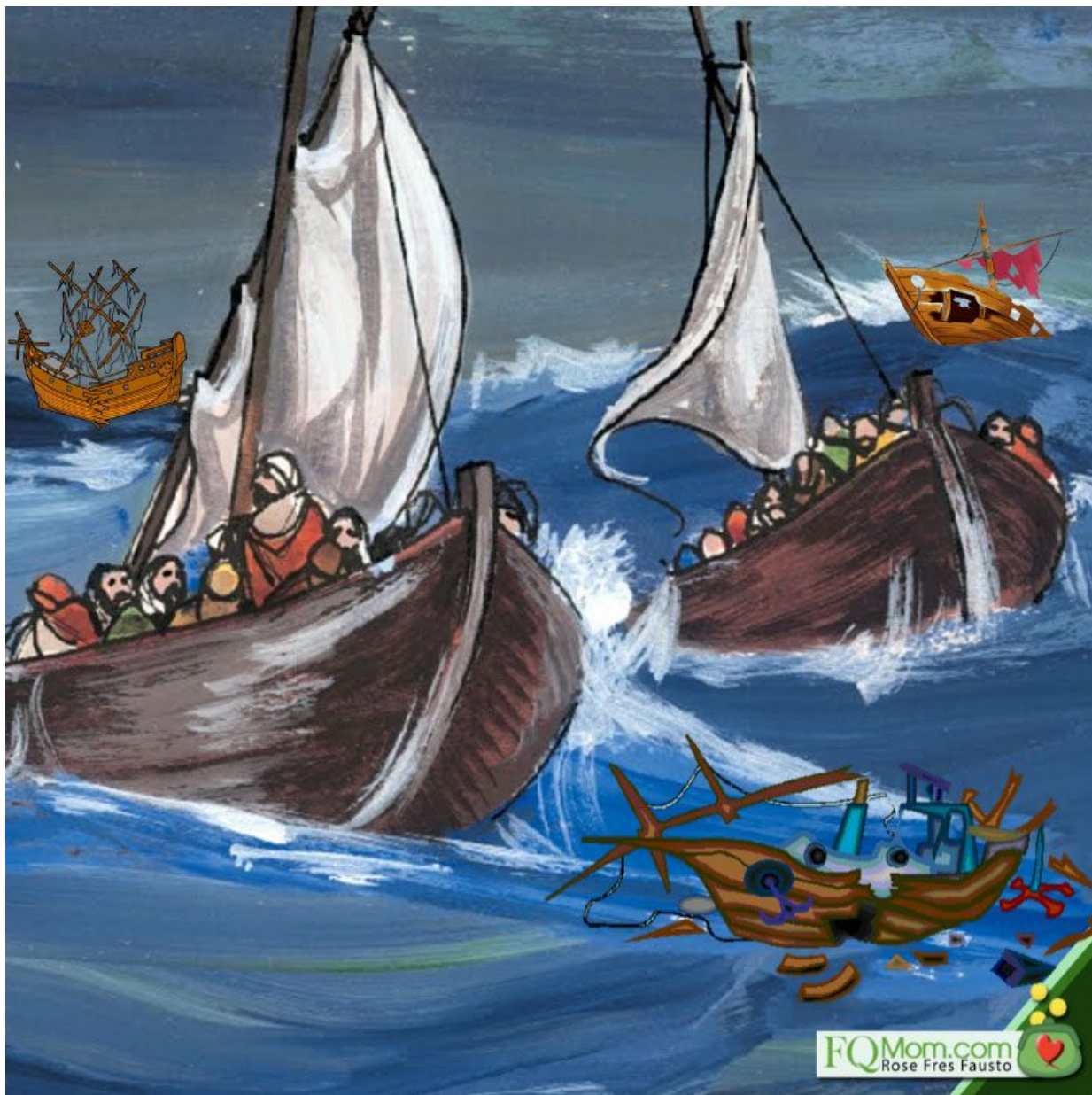




The United Parish in Brookline

American Baptist • United Church of Christ • United Methodist



May 31, 2020

Pentecost

PRELUDE

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

Amazing Grace

Andante Sostenuto
by Charles-Marie Widor

Leann Canty
Tower Bells

Susan DeSelms
Minister of Music

*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.*

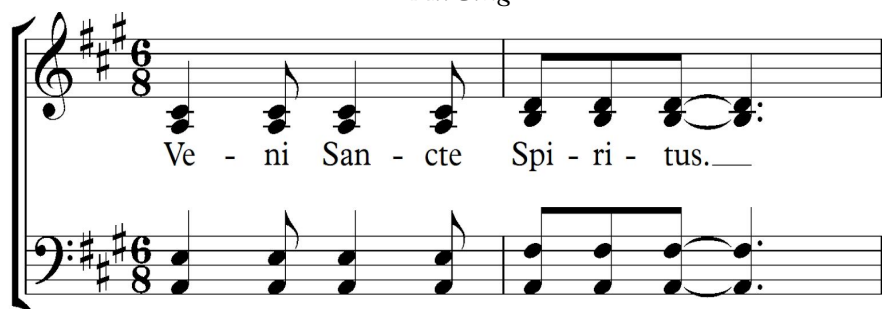
*OPENING HYMN

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

Veni Sancte Spiritus

TAIZE CHANT

All Sing



Come, Holy Spirit, from heaven shine forth with your glorious light.

Veni Sancte Spiritus.

*Come from the four winds, O Spirit, come breath of God;
disperse the shadows over us, renew and strengthen your people.*

Veni Sancte Spiritus.

You are our only comforter, Peace of the soul. In the heat you shade us;

In our labor you refresh us, and in trouble you are our strength.

On all who put their trust in you, and receive you in faith, shower all your gifts.

Grant that they may grow in you and persevere to the end, give them lasting joy.

Veni Sancte Spiritus.

*CALL TO WORSHIP from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) tradition

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

Christina Rawinski
Exalting Ministry Team

One: The Spirit descends like a dove,

All: Bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

One: The Spirit comes like a breath,

All: Bringing life to renew the people of God.

One: The Spirit spreads like fire,

All: Bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

One: Spirit of the living God,

All: Come to us and transform our lives by your power.

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.**

ANTHEM

We prepare for confession with music.

Veni Sancte Spiritus
from *Lux Aeterna*
by Morten Lauridsen

Chancel Choir with
Choir of First Church Cambridge
Peter Sykes, organ

*Veni, Sancte Spiritus,
Et emitte coelitus
Lucis tuae radium.
Veni, pater pauperum,
Veni, dator munerum,
Veni, lumen cordium.*

Come, Holy spirit,
send forth from heaven
the ray of thy light
come, Father of the poor
Come, giver of gifts
come, light of hearts.

*Consolator optime,
Dulcis hospes animae,
Dulce refrigerium.
In labore requies,
In aestu temperies,
In fletu solatium.*

Thou best of consolers,
Sweet guest of the soul
Sweet refreshment.
In labor, thou art rest,
In heat, the tempering,
In grief, the consolation.

*O lux beatissima,
Reple cordis intima
Tuorum fidelium.
Sine tuo numine
Nihil est in homine,
Nihil est innoxium.*

O light most blessed,
fill the inmost heart
of all thy faithful
without your grace,
there is nothing in us,
Nothing that is not harmful.

*lava quod est sordidum,
Riga quod est aridum.
Sana quod est sucium.
Flecte quod est rigidum,
Fove quod est frigidum
Rege quod est devium.*

Cleanse what is sordid,
moisten what is arid,
heal what is hurt
flex what is rigid
fire what is frigid
correct what goes astray

*Da tuis fidelibus,
In te confidentibus,
Sacrum septenarium.
Da virtutis meritum,
Da salutis exitum,
Da perenne gaudium.*

Grant to thy faithful,
those trusting in thee,
thy sacred seven-fold gifts
Grant the reward of virtue
Grant the deliverance of salvation
grant everlasting joy.

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.*

Amy Norton
Associate 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 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 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

We re-gather with our voices in song.

This Little Light of Mine
African-American Spiritual

Children and Congregation

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2:1-21

Adam Sutton and Priya Devavaram

*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.

Amy Norton
Associate Pastor

SUNG RESPONSE

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

Wind Song

by Swee-Hong Lim, arranged by Helen Kemp
original lyrics by Shirley Erena Murra

Carolers, Youth Choir Trebles

David Rockwell, *piano*
Mary McConnell, *chimes*

*As the wind song through the trees,
as the stirring of the breeze,
So it is with the Spirit of God.
As the heart made strangely warm,
as the voice within the storm,
So it is with the Spirit of God.*

*As the rainbow after rain,
As the hope that's born again,
So it is with the Spirit of God.
As the green in the Spring,
As a kite on a string,
So it is with the Spirit of God.*

*Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown,
Bringing life, bringing pow'r to the world,
As the dancing tongues of fire,
as the soul's most deep desire,
So it is with the Spirit of God.*

*Making worlds that are new,
Making peace come true,
Bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
As the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the feast,
So it is with the Spirit of God.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Kent French
Senior Pastor

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. No gift is too small or too large. All are precious.

Invitation

We hear from community members about why they take part.

Tim Lehmberg
Exalting Ministry Team

Offertory Anthem

*We offer our gifts
as the choir offers songs of
praise and thanksgiving.*

Lord of the Dance
by Sydney Carter

Bethany Lynch, *dancer*
Kristen Murdaugh,
Nicholas Duffin,
Helen Hassinger, Kent French,
Amy Norton,
singers

DoxologyPraise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

We re-join our voices in thanksgiving.

*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!*

Prayer of DedicationWe ask God's blessing over the gifts.****CLOSING HYMN***Together in song, we set our intention
leaving this sacred space**Blue Boat Home
by Peter Mayer**HYFRYDOL
Sally Stoyell, David Flanagan,
song leaders**We invite you to sing, speak or silently read the words together.*

*Though below me, I feel no motion
Standing on these mountains and plains
Far away from the rolling ocean
Still my dry land heart can say
I've been sailing all my life now
Never harbor or port have I known
The wide universe is the ocean I travel
And the earth is my blue boat home*

*Sun, my sail, and moon my rudder
As I ply the starry sea
Leaning over the edge in wonder
Casting questions into the deep
Drifting here with my ship's companions
All we kindred pilgrim souls
Making our way by the lights of the heavens
In our beautiful blue boat home*

*I give thanks to the waves upholding me
Hail the great winds urging me on
Greet the infinite sea before me
Sing the sky my sailor's song
I was born upon the fathoms
Never harbor or port have I known
The wide universe is the ocean I travel
And the earth is my blue boat home*

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.*

Please join us immediately after worship for **Virtual Coffee Hour** on Zoom,
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83503795317?pwd=d1pDYittWU1rSTdHUVRIdUFMSDZlQk9>

Meeting ID: 835 0379 5317

Password: 532055

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>

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
Minister of Music
Assistant Music Director
Communications and Office Administrator
Facilities Manager
Building Usage Coordinator
Accounting Administrator
Multimedia Producer
Nursery Supervisor
Pastor Emerita

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