



# The United Parish in Brookline

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June 7, 2020

Trinity Sunday

Shared Worship with Temple Shir Tikva, Wayland

**PRELUDE**

**Movement II, from Chichester Psalms**

Shir Tikva and

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

United Parish Choirs  
Micah DeSelms, soloist  
Recorded March 6, 2016

יְהוָה רֹעִי, לֹא אֶחָסֶר.  
בְּנָאוֹת דֶּשֶׁא, יִרְבִּיצֵנִי;  
עַל-מֵי מִנְחֹת יִנְהַלֵּנִי.  
נַפְשִׁי יִשׁוּבֵב;  
יָנִחַנִי בְּמַעְגְלֵי-צֶדֶק,  
לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ.

גַּם כִּי-אֵלֶךְ  
בְּגֵי צַלְמוֹת,  
לֹא-אֵירָא רָע--  
כִּי-אַתָּה עִמָּדִי;  
שִׁיבְתָךְ וּמִשְׁעַנְתְּךָ,  
הֵמָּה יִנְחַמְנִי.

לָמָּה, רָגְשׁוּ גּוֹיִם;  
וּלְאַמִּים, יִהְגּוּ-רִיק.  
יִתְצַבּוּ, מַלְכֵי-אַרְצָ--  
וְרוֹזְנִים נֹסְדוּ-יַחַד:  
עַל-יְהוָה, וְעַל-מְשִׁיחוֹ.  
נִבְתָּקָה,  
אֶת-מוֹסְרוֹתֵינוּ;  
וְנִשְׁלִיכָה מִמֶּנּוּ  
עֲבֹתֵינוּ.  
יֹשֵׁב בַּשָּׁמַיִם  
יִשְׁחַק: אֲדֹנָי,  
יִלְעַג-לָמוּ.

נֶגֶד תְּסוֹר'רַי  
תַּעֲרֹךְ לִפְנֵי, שְׁלֹחַן--  
נֶגֶד צִרְרִי;  
דִּשְׁנַת בִּשְׁמֵן רֹאשִׁי,  
כּוֹסֵי רוֹיָה.

אֲךָ, טוֹב וְחֶסֶד  
יִרְדְּפוּנִי-- כָּל-יְמֵי חַיִּי;  
וְשִׁבְתִּי בְּבֵית-יְהוָה,  
לְאָרְךָ יָמִים.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green  
pastures,  
He leadeth me beside the still waters,  
He restoreth my soul,  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness,  
For His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk  
Through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
For Thou art with me.  
Thy rod and Thy staff  
They comfort me.

Why do the nations rage,  
And the people imagine a vain thing?  
The kings of the earth set themselves,  
And the rulers take counsel together  
Against the Lord and against His anointed.  
Saying, let us break their bands asunder,  
And cast away their cords from us.  
He that sitteth in the heavens  
Shall laugh, and the Lord  
Shall have them in derision!

Thou preparest a table before me  
In the presence of my enemies,  
Thou anointest my head with oil,  
My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy  
Shall follow me all the days of my life,  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
Forever.

**\*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.*

*There is More Love Somewhere  
Spiritual from the time of slavery*

Priya Devavaram  
song leader

*There is more love somewhere. (3x)  
I'm gonna keep on til I find it, there is more love somewhere.*

*There is more hope somewhere. (3x)  
I'm gonna keep on til I find it, there is more hope somewhere.*

*There is more peace somewhere. (3x)  
I'm gonna keep on til I find it, there is more peace somewhere.*

*There is more love somewhere. (3x)  
I'm gonna keep on til I find it, there is more love somewhere.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 133**

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

AJ Baghaie  
20/30 Vision

One: Hineh mah tov umanayim,  
**All: How good and how pleasant it is,**  
One: Shevet achim gam yachad,  
**All: When God's people dwell together in unity.**  
One: It is like precious oil running down the beard of Aaron,  
**All: It is like the dew of Hermon falling on Mount Zion.**  
One: It is like the sun streaming across the waters, rising on a new day,  
**All: It is like the first giggle of a small child, reverberating in your heart,**  
One: It is like sweet music, sung with heart, wafting through the hall,  
**All: It is like people feasting and laughing together over a shared meal,**  
One: It is what we are doing here, in this space,  
**All: Coming together, sharing our faiths,**  
One: Singing and praying,  
**All: Laughing and crying,**  
One: Speaking and listening,  
**All: Joining those who have gone before in our praise and worship.**  
One: For in this place, we receive the blessing of God,  
**All: Even the blessing of life forever more.**

**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.**

### MEDITATION

*We prepare for confession with music.*

Based on *Stand Still*, Jordan  
Spiritual

Helen Hassinger, violin  
Bithyah Israel, cello  
Executive Director, [City Strings](#)  
Susan DeSelms, piano

*We take this moment to acknowledge and mourn the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor  
and the countless other black Americans who have been killed by police and other white people  
within a system that has been built to value whiteness and oppress people of color.*

*We pray for comfort for our black siblings and for the strength to learn,  
change and take action for our white siblings.*

*We seek to stand together in community.*

*Stand still Jordan  
Lord, I can't stand still  
I got a mother in heaven  
Lord, I can't stand still*

*When I get up in glory  
Lord, I can't stand still  
Stand still Jordan  
Lord, I can't stand still*

*Jordan river is chilly and cold  
It will chill-a my body,  
but not my soul  
Stand still Jordan  
Lord, I can't stand still*

### 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 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  
Spiritual*

Children and Congregation

## **READING FROM THE PROPHETS**

*We reflect together on these words  
of the truth-tellers of ancient Israel.*

Isaiah 1:4-20

Chris Learn  
United Parish Ringers

One: The wisdom of God for the people of God,

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **READING FROM THE PSALMS**

*We hear the ancient poetry of the people of Israel.*

Psalms 55

## **MESSAGE**

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

Danny Burkeman, Senior Rabbi  
Temple Shir Tikva, Wayland  
and Kent French, Senior Pastor

## SUNG RESPONSE

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

*Come Healing  
by Leonard Cohen*

*Chancel Choir with  
Temple Shir Tikva Adult Choir  
New Recording*

*O gather up the brokenness  
And bring it to me now  
The fragrance of those promises  
You never dared to vow*

*O solitude of longing  
Where love has been confined  
Come healing of the body  
Come healing of the mind*

*O longing of the branches  
To lift the little bud  
O longing of the arteries  
To purify the blood*

*The splinters that you carry  
The cross you left behind  
Come healing of the body  
Come healing of the mind*

*O see the darkness yielding  
That tore the light apart  
Come healing of the reason  
Come healing of the heart*

*And let the heavens hear it  
The penitential hymn  
Come healing of the spirit  
Come healing of the limb*

*And let the heavens hear it  
The penitential hymn  
Come healing of the spirit  
Come healing of the limb*

*O troubled dust concealing  
An undivided love  
The Heart beneath is teaching  
To the broken Heart above*

*O let the heavens hear it  
The penitential hymn  
Come healing of the spirit  
Come healing of the limb*

*Behold the gates of mercy  
In arbitrary space  
And none of us deserving  
The cruelty or the grace*

*O let the heavens falter  
And let the earth proclaim:  
Come healing of the Altar  
Come healing of the Name*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*Amy Norton  
Associate 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.*

Holly VandeWall

*Exalting in Worship Ministry Team*

### Offertory Anthem

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

*Hold to God's Unchanging Hand*

*words by Jennie Wilson*

*music by F. L. Eiland*

*arranged by Paul Halley*

Chancel Choir and

Members of Temple Shir Tikva

Merle Perkins, soloist

Recorded February 2017

*Time is filled with swift transition,  
Naught of earth unmoved can stand,  
Build your hopes on things eternal,  
Hold to God's unchanging hand.*

*Trust in God who will not leave you,  
Whatsoever years may bring,  
If by earthly friends forsaken  
Still more closely to God cling.*

Refrain:

*Hold to God's unchanging hand,  
Hold to God's unchanging hand;  
Build your hopes on things eternal,  
Hold to God's unchanging hand.*

### \*Doxology

*Praise 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 Dedication

*We ask God's blessing over the gifts.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

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

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

*If Not Now, Tell Me When  
by Carrie Newcomer*

*Cantor Hollis Schachner  
Temple Shir Tikva*

Refrain:

*If not now, tell me when*

*If not now, tell me when.*

*We may never see this moment*

*Or place in time again*

*If not now, if not now, tell me when.*

*I see sorrow and trouble in this land*

*I see sorrow and trouble in this land*

*Although there will be struggle we'll make the  
change we can.*

*If not now, if not now, tell me when.*

*If not now, tell me when. Refrain*

*I may never see the Promised Land.*

*I may never see the Promised Land.*

*And yet we'll take the journey*

*And walk it hand in hand. Refrain*

*So we'll work it til it's done*

*Every daughter, every son,*

*Every soul that ever longed for something better,*

*Something brighter...*

*It will take a change of heart for this to mend.*

*It will take a change of heart for this to mend.*

*But miracles do happen every shining now and then*

*If not now, tell me when? Refrain*

**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.*

*Jordi Schuster Battis  
Associate Rabbi, Temple Shir Tikva  
and Kent French, Senior Pastor*

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

Thanks to Luke and Elise Molloy for playing the Tower Bells this week.

Please join us immediately after worship for **Virtual Coffee Hour** on Zoom,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87614999541?pwd=ZoNhWjlWYWlYV0RvMnE4cVAiZW5qQT09>

Meeting ID: 876 1499 9541

Password: 937004

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.*

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Senior Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Minister of Music  
Assistant Music Director  
Communications and Office Administrator  
Facilities Manager  
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The People of the United Parish  
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