



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



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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Faith and Politics

Gathering Music

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

Simple Gifts

Traditional Shaker Tune

Kate Hendrix

Hammer Dulcimer

Chiming the Trinity

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

Lighting the Christ Candle

We invoke the Spirit of Christ among us.

Bianca Silverman

Church School

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

Opening Hymn

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

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

*Total Praise
by Richard Smallwood*

*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.*

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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.*

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.
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 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 and the Love of God be with you always;
All: **And also with you.**

Peace Response

We gather with our voices in song.

This Little Light of Mine
Traditional Spiritual

Carolers and
Josaphat Contreras
Former Assistant Music Director

Reading from the Gospel

We reflect together on this story from the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

Matthew 22:15-22

Maddie Weber
Church Council
Buildings & Grounds Ministry Team
20/30 Vision

One: For the Good News of Jesus Christ;
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Homily

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

Faith and Politics

Kent French
Senior Pastor

Sung Response

We reflect on the message through poetry and song.

The Promise of Living
by Aaron Copland

Chancel Choir

*The promise of living with hope and thanksgiving
is born of our loving our friends and our labor.
The promise of growing with faith and with knowing
is born of our sharing our love with our neighbor.*

*For many a year we've known these fields and known all the work that makes them yield.
Are you ready to lend a hand? We'll bring in the harvest, the blessings of harvest.*

*We plant each row with seeds of grain, and Providence sends us the sun and the rain.
By lending a hand, by lending an arm, bring out from the farm,
bring out the blessings of harvest.*

*Give thanks there was sunshine, give thanks there was rain.
Give thanks we have hands to deliver the grain.
Come join us in thanking the Lord for his blessing.
O let us be joyful. O let us be grateful to the Lord for His blessing.*

*The promise of ending in right understanding
is peace in our own hearts and peace with our neighbor.*

*O let us sing our song, and let our song be heard.
Let's sing our song with our hearts, and find a promise in that song.
The promise of living.
The promise of growing.
The promise of ending is labor and sharing our loving.*

Prayers of the People

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

Katharine Henry and Amy Norton
Seminararian and 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 his disciples and 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.

Sung Response

*We continue our prayers
in poetry and song.*

One Voice
by Ruth Moody

Sally Stoyell, Sue Van Dyke,
and Meagan McKinstry
Chancel Choir

*This is the sound of one voice:
One spirit, one voice.
The sound of one who makes a choice,
This is the sound of one voice.*

*This is the sound of voices two:
The sound of me singing with you,
Helping each other to make it through,
This is the sound of voices two.*

*This is the sound of voices three:
Singing together in harmony,
Surrendering to the mystery,
This is the sound of voices three.*

*This is the sound of all of us:
Singing with love and the will to trust,
Leave the rest behind it will turn to dust,
This is the sound of all of us.*

Offering

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

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*We rejoin our voices
in thanksgiving.*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je - sus Christ whose pow'r up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it Ho - ly
Spi - rit! Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia.

Prayer of Dedication

We ask God's blessing over the gifts.

Closing Hymn

Peace Before Us

Together in song, we set our intention in leaving this sacred space. by David Haas, based on a Navajo prayer

1. Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us, peace be - neath our feet.
2. Love be - fore us, love be - hind us, love be - neath our feet.
3. Light be - fore us, light be - hind us, light be - neath our feet.
4. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us, Christ be - neath our feet.

Peace with - in us, peace a - bove us, let all a - round us be peace.
Love with - in us, love a - bove us, let all a - round us be love.
Light with - in us, light a - bove us, let all a - round us be light.
Christ with - in us, Christ a - bove us, let all a - round us be Christ.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Peace Before Us'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

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.

Postlude

Blessed Assurance

Kate Hendrix

We transition out of our sacred time together.

Tower

Bells

Please join us immediately after worship for Coffee Hour on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82885358025?pwd=Z2hOK09RMXdTaUhMbKpMSOE2QkczZz09>

Meeting ID: 828 8535 8025

Password: 529804

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.

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
Seminarian
Parish Administrator
Facilities Manager
Accounting Administrator
Nursery Supervisor
Building Usage Coordinator
Pastor Emerita

The People of the United Parish
Kent French
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