



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



Images of saints from Saint Gregory of Nyssa Church, San Francisco:

Thurgood Marshall, American jurist (1908-1993); Andrei Rublev, Russian orthodox iconographer (c. 1365–c.1430);

Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii (1838-1917), Simone Weil, French philosopher (1909–1943);

Sojourner Truth, political activist (1795–1883); Bartolomé de las Casas, Spanish adventurer and abolitionist, (1474–1566);

William Byrd (1543–1623) English composer.

For more information, visit saintgregorys.org/saints-by-name.html

November 1, 2020

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Day

Gathering Music

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

O Sacred Head
by Johann Sebastian Bach

First Equali
by Ludwig van Beethoven

O Bone Jesus
by Johannes Brahms

Boston University Trombone Choir
Don Lucas, *Director*
Gabe Langfur, *Director*

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.

Ellie Brainin

Carolers and 3-5th Grade 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.

For All The Saints

verses 1-4

New Century Hymnal #299

TUNE: SINE NOMINE

Recorded in worship November 3, 2019

combined with voices of Chancel Choir 2020

Mary McConnell, timpani

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the
2 You were their rock, their refuge, and their might: you, Christ, the
3 Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold, live as the
4 Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine. we fee-bly

world their stead-fast faith confessed, your name, O Je-sus,
hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you
saints who nobly fought of old, and share with them a
strug-gle, they in glory shine; yet in your love our

be for-ever blessed.
were their one true light.
glo-rious crown of gold. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
faith-ful lives en-twined.

Greetings

We warmly welcome all into our midst.

Katharine Henry and Kent French

Seminarian and Senior Pastor

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

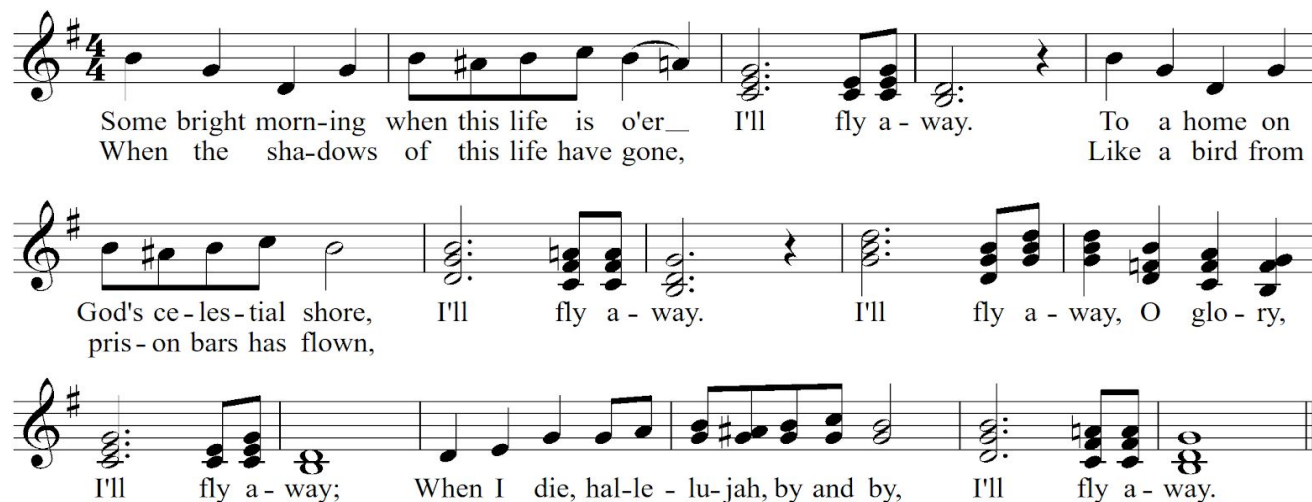
*We share this Good News among ourselves with words of Peace and Love, while we shake hands, hug,
fist bump, rub elbows, or bow to one another.*

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.

I'll Fly Away Traditional Spiritual



Some bright morn-ing when this life is o'er... I'll fly a - way. To a home on
Like a bird from
When the sha-dows of this life have gone,
God's ce - les - tial shore, I'll fly a - way. I'll fly a - way, O glo - ry,
pris - on bars has flown,
I'll fly a - way; When I die, hal-le - lu-jah, by and by, I'll fly a - way.

Reading from the Epistles

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

Hebrews 12:1-15

John Carter
United Parish Baptists
20/30 Vision

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

Homily

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

Kent French
Senior Pastor

Anthem

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

Pavanne
by Gabriel Fauré
arranged by Mack Wilberg

Boston University Trombone Choir
recorded November 3, 2019
in worship

Prayers of the People

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

Katharine Henry
Seminararian

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.**

Offering

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

The Feast of Communion

*We remember the last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples,
receiving spiritual sustenance and re-membering
ourselves as the living body of Christ.*

The Perkins/Rempelakis Family
Chad and Kendra Moore

Invitation

*We welcome all to the table,
regardless of belief.*

Come, Let us Bring our Gifts
by Billema Kwillia and Marty Haugen

All Sing

***Come, let us bring our gifts to God in praise,
So that we might worship God in countless ways.***

***Come, let us bring the warm and fragrant bread,
Broken here so all God's people might be fed.***

***Come, let us bring the sweet, abundant wine,
In this cup we taste the joy of grace divine.***

Words of Remembrance

Together, we re-member ourselves as the body of Christ.

Remembering the Saints of Our Lives

Together, we remember the saints who have touched our lives.

Prayer of Consecration

We consecrate the elements of communion, celebrating our connection in the Spirit.

Sharing of the Meal

Together we share this holy meal, re-membering ourselves as the living body of Christ.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

We pray in thanksgiving to God

for the gifts of communion, forgiveness, and love.

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise
God all crea - tures here be - low; 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.

Closing Hymn

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

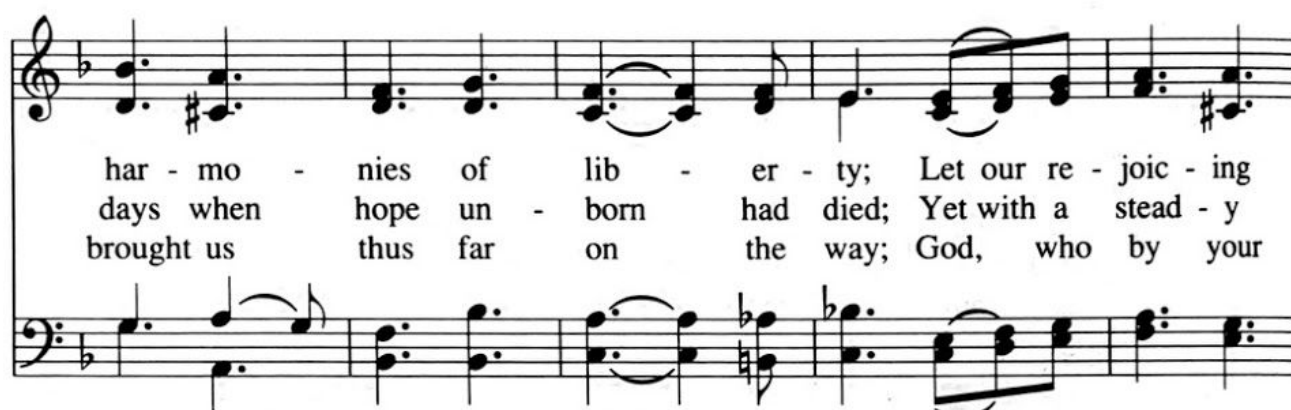
Lift Every Voice and Sing

New Century Hymnal #593

TUNE: LIFT EVERY VOICE



1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the
2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has




har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing
days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y
brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your



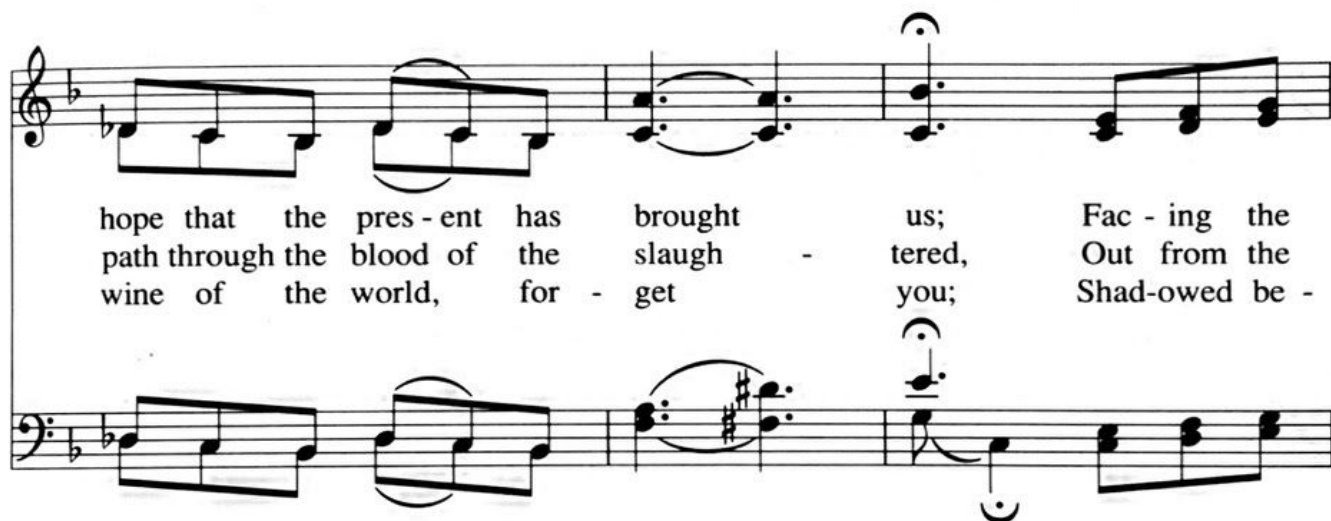
rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the
beat, have not our wea - ry feet, come to the place for which our
might, led us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the



roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the
peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver a
path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the



faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the
 way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our
 plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the



hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the
 wine of the world, for - get you; Shad - owed be -



ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march
 gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white
 neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our



on till vic - to - ry is won.
 gleam of our bright star is cast.
 God, true to our na - tive land.

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

*We transition out of our
sacred time together.*

Moderato Festivo, from 7 Bagatelles
by Frigyes Hidas

Boston University
Trombone Choir

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83598173831?pwd=eHVMTjA3VW5vb3AvbVNXSU93Rit1UT09>

Meeting ID: 835 9817 3831

Password: 528525

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 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
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Amy Norton
Susan DeSelms
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