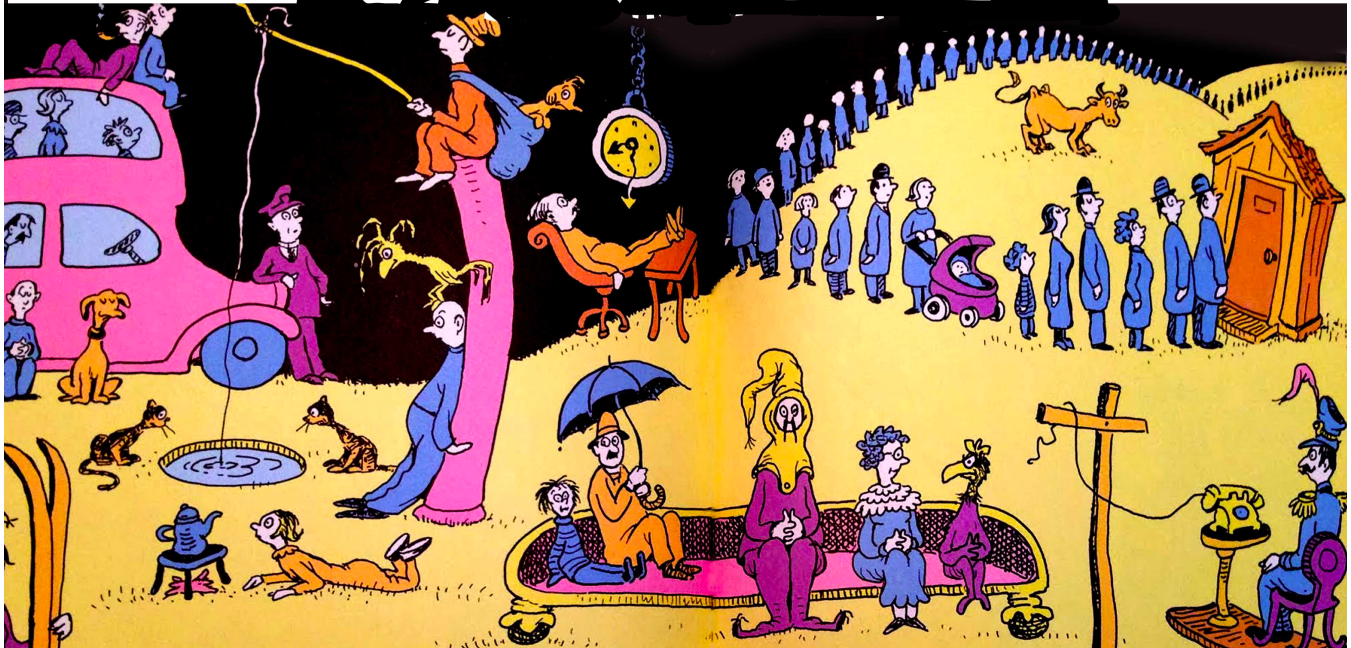


The United Parish in Brookline

American Baptist • United Church of Christ • United Methodist

Rooted in the past, Reaching into our future

Celebrating United Parish's 50th Anniversary



From *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* by Dr. Seuss

November 8, 2020

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

The Waiting Game

Gathering Music

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

Gabriel's Oboe
by Ennio Morricone

Joseph Robinson, *oboe*
Joey Falla, *organ*
Mary Kay Robinson, *violin*

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.

Sanjay and Sachin Venkatesh
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.

Come to Tend God's Garden

*Come to tend God's garden,
seeds of hope to sow,
planting fields of justice,
watching mercy grow!
In an arid wasteland,
spread a verdant heath!
In a land of tumult,
cultivate God's peace!*

*As we tend God's garden,
from it's furrows rise
stems of fresh beginnings,
stretching toward the skies!
Graciousness, our meadow,
joyfulness, our root,
unity, our foliage,
righteousness, our fruit!*

New Century Hymnal #586

KING'S WESTON
Helen Hassinger, Song Leader

*May God's garden flourish,
may our toil succeed,
may God bless our actions,
every word and deed!
Serving Christ each season,
with God's diagram,
charted by the Spirit,
for the task at hand!*

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.

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Traditional Spiritual

arranged by André Thomas

Refrain: *Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning --- the time is drawing nigh. **Repeat***

Verse: *Children, don't get weary, children don't get weary,
Children don't get weary, the time is drawing nigh. **Repeat***

Refrain: ***Keep your lamps trimmed and burning.... (2x)***

Reading from the Gospel

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

Matthew 25:1-13

AJ Bagdie

United Parish 20s/30s

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.

The Waiting Game

Amy Norton

Associate Pastor

Sung Response

We reflect on the message through poetry and song.

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Chancel Choir

*Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be*

*With God, our Creator
family all are we
Let us walk with each other
in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow*

*To take each moment
and live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me!*

Prayers of the People

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

Katharine Henry and Kent French
Seminararian and 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 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.

Invitation

We hear from community members about why they take part.

Gwen Pritchard Lindquist
Gathering Ministry Team

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

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

America the Beautiful

New Century Hymnal #594

TUNE: MATERNA

*O Beautiful, for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain
for purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed Her grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw!
Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law.*

*Indigenous and immigrant, our people, every one,
O may we never rest content till all are truly one!
America! America! God grant that we may be
A nation blessed with none oppressed, true land of liberty!*

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

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Helen Hassinger and
Susan DeSelms

We transition out of our sacred time together.

*God be with you till we meet again;
By good counsel guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.*

*Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,
Put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again.*

*Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.*

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89230311301?pwd=SXk3d2dKSTNlNmRwbGZ4aW1meDJsQT09>

Meeting ID: 892 3031 1301

Password: 340421

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

Kent French
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