



UNITED PARISH IN BROOKLINE



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Rooted in the past, Reaching into our future

Celebrating United Parish's 50th Anniversary



Butterflies have long been a symbol of the Resurrection, demonstrating the transformation from the tomb of the cocoon to the lightness and beauty of a new life of colorful flight. (Butterfly Spin Painting, by Damien Hirst, 2009, damienhirst.com)

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

PRELUDE

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

O Love

Music by Elaine Hagenberg

Chancel Choir

*Oh love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in thee
I give thee back the life I owe
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be*

*Oh joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be*

CHIMING THE TRINITY

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

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

We invoke God's light among us.

One: May Christ, the Light of the World;

All: Enlighten our hearts with Love!

OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Chancel Choir, song leaders

We lift our voices, bodies, minds and spirits verses 1, 3, and 4

David Polansky, trumpet

as a community in a song of praise.

New Century Hymnal #233

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

TUNE: EASTER HYMN

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

EASTER ACCLAMATION

We celebrate the arrival of Easter, the Day of Christ's Resurrection.

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GREETINGS

We warmly welcome all into our midst.

Kent French and Amy Norton
Senior and Associate Pastors

ANTHEM

*We praise God through
poetry and music.*

Hallelujah
by Leonard Cohen

Melanie Hsu Chernin
Soloist

*I've heard there was a secret chord
That David played, and it pleased the Lord
But you don't really care for music, do you?
It goes like this
The fourth, the fifth
The minor fall, the major lift
The baffled king composing Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*You say I took (God's) Name in vain
I don't even know the Name
But if I did, well really, what's it to you?*

*There's a blaze of light
In every word
It doesn't matter which you heard
The holy or the broken Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*I did my best, it wasn't much
I couldn't feel, so I tried to touch
I've told the truth, I didn't come to fool you
And even though it all went wrong
I'll stand before the Lord of Song with nothing on
my lips, but Hallelujah!*

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.

**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 the Good News among ourselves with words of Peace and Love.

One: The Peace of Christ and the Love of God be with you always;

All: And also with you.

ANTHEM

*We respond to God's peace through
poetry and song.*

I Thank You God
Poem by e.e. Cummings
Music by Eliot Levine

Sally Stoyell, Meagan McKinstry
Helen Hassinger, soloists

*I thank You God for most this amazing day
For the leaping greenly spirits of trees
And a blue true dream of sky
And for everything which is natural,
which is infinite, which is yes
I who have died am alive again today
And this is the sun's birthday
This is the birth day of life and of love and wings
And of the gay great happening illimitably earth
How should tasting, touching, hearing, seeing, breathing any
Lifted from the no of all nothing
Human merely being doubt unimaginable You?
Now the ears of my ears awake
And now the eyes of my eyes are opened*

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

*We reflect together on these words
from the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.*

Selections from Luke 24 and John 20

As retold by Carol Heyer

Priya Devavaram,
Penelope DeSelms,
Aidan Molloy,
Sachin Venkatesh,
Justin Fenton-Hilt,
Malcolm McGraw, and
Bianca Silverman

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.

Amy Norton
Associate Pastor

HYMN

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

You Give Us Joy This Easter Day
Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Chancel Choir, song leaders

David Polanksy, trumpet

TUNE: O WALY WALY

*You give us joy this Easter Day:
O God, in Christ, you make us new!
As we've been blessed, O Lord, we pray,
May these our gifts bless others, too.*

*When churches seek to tend the earth,
When gardens grow on urban lands —
May these our gifts provide new birth,
Clear-flowing waters, helping hands.*

*O gracious God, you give us life!
This gift is one we're called to share.
May we now serve the risen Christ
Through these our gifts of love and care*

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 pray together as 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 kin-dom 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 kin-dom,
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

We praise God through music.

Alleluia
by Elaine Hagenberg

Chancel Choir

Alleluia
All shall be Amen and Alleluia.
All shall be Amen.
*We shall rest and we shall see,
We shall see and we shall know,
We shall know and we shall love,
Behold our end which is no end,
Our end which is no end.*
Alleluia!

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.

Leann Canty
GreenUP Ministry Team
Church School Teacher

Doxology

We rejoin our voices in thanksgiving.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Bethany Lynch, dancer
Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***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!***

HOLY BUSINESS

We share news of God's work in our community's activities.

HYMN

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

O God, In Raising Jesus

New Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Chancel Choir, song leaders

David Polanksy, trumpet

TUNE: LANCASHIRE

*O God, in raising Jesus that Resurrection Day,
You showed us you are with us and will not go away.
You give us bright tomorrows and free us from our sin;
You're with us in our sorrows and show us love will win.*

*Through Jesus' resurrection, we find our courage grow
To risk and serve your kingdom, to go where some won't go.
Through Jesus' resurrection, we find we're called to be
A new and hopeful people who help set others free.*

*So send us to the places where troubles still abound,
Where people face injustice, where grief and pain are found.
We pray we'll go with courage for we have peace to share;
Now help us live your message of new life everywhere.*

BENEDICTION

We receive a blessing as we prepare to depart this sacred gathering.

POSTLUDE

*We transition out of our
sacred time together.*

Easter 2020 Prelude

Trombostto, brass quartet
Bethany Lynch, dancer

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

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

Meeting ID: 892 3031 1301

Password: 340421

Or call 646-558-8656

Come pick up **Easter flowers**, today from 1-3pm on the front lawn of the church.

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 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>

A special thank you to all the people that made the music of Holy Week possible today...

The United Parish Chancel Choir

Melanie Chernin, Sally Stoyell, Meagan McKinstry, Paul Lauro-Priestly, Stefan Reed, Julie Anderson,
soloists,

And most especially...

Helen Hassinger, Nick Duffin, and Margot Wegman, the United Parish Section Leaders, who have
worked tirelessly to keep us singing our best.

EASTER LILIES AND FLOWERS

Donated By...

In Memory or in Honor of...

Anne Auerbach

In memory of Nancy and Jerry Waller
In honor of Kathy and Bob, Lissa, Sian

Anonymous

In honor of United Parish

Kate Baker-Carr

In memory of Katharine H. Edmonds and Janet Baker-Carr,
John and Arlene Leech
In honor of Harriet D. Roberts

Jen Bose

In memory of Betty Gray, Brian Miller, Peter Proscia

Beverly and John Bowman

In memory of Betty Gray, Harry Lincoln

Anita Breslaw

In memory of Haven Breslaw

Terry Bruce

In memory of Jim and Mary Bruce

The Canty / Devavaram Family

In memory of the people around the world and in the US
who have died due to COVID
In honor of the friendship of Carolyn and David Flanagan

The Delgado / Humm Family

In memory of Anna Bariy Spinner, George Matthew
Spinner

The Horrigan / Hatch Family

In memory of Constance Millan, Mary L. Horrigan, Joseph
Horrigan Jr., Christine Hatch

Pat Howkinson

In memory of Loved Ones

Paul and Roberto Lauro-Priestly

In memory of Joyce Priestly, Lepha Pickford, Vena Pickford,
Marcus and Louise Pickford
In honor of Vena, Calvin, Geovanni, Armani, Anorah, and
Amyrah, our dear friend Linda Percy, the Lauro and
Travaglione Family

Betty Lindsay

In memory of Eleanor and Carl DeRubeis

Bethany Lynch

In honor of Brenda Mutch Johnson
In memory of Daniel Close

Barbara and Bethany Lynch

In honor of Kay Van Horn, Virginia Borbas
In memory of Edwin Lynch, Marguerite and Donald Lynch,
Margaret and Raymond Saunders, Nancy and Harry Johnson

Mary and Mike McConnell	In memory of Irene Hale, Betty Gray, Phyllis Nelder In honor of Julius Lagliva and his new life; Susan DeSelms, Helen Hassinger, Margot Wegman and Nick Duffin for singing us through the pandemic year; The Sipping Sisters and The Coffeemates; Mary's niece Mary and her steady recovery; the dedicated staff of Mount Pleasant Home and Spring House
Hattie McGraw	In memory of my sister, Helen Burroughs Stern
The McGraw Family	In memory of Mary Harris O'Reilly, Helen Burroughs Stern
Lietza and Mark Molloy	In memory of Dan Shaller
Linda Percy	In memory of Amanda Lugner In honor of Carolyn and David Flanagan, Paul and Roberto Lauro-Priestly and Family
The Rodine Family	In memory of Jeff Walther, Jay Hardy, Elward Rodine
Karina and John Thompson	In memory of Bruno Leino, Eila Makey
Donna Treece	In memory of Margaret Metzger, J. Mark Schuster, Martha Jane Hackett, Ralph Hergert, Clara and Walter Treece
Sam and Stella Trumble	In memory of Earl Smith
Holly VandeWall and Brian Watkins	In memory of Gloria Watkins
Lisa and Allan Wong	In memory of Ruth Ellen, Ralph and David Dushame, Diana and Yok Yee Wong In honor of the Ministers and Staff of the United Parish and the United Parish Chancel Choir

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.

Ministers
Senior Pastor
Associate Pastor
Seminarian
Minister of Music
Parish Administrator
Facilities Manager
Multimedia Producer
Building Usage Coordinator
Accounting Administrator
Nursery Supervisor
Pastor Emerita

The People of the United Parish
Kent French
Amy Norton
Katharine H. Henry
Susan DeSelms
Sarah Fitzpatrick
David Dunphy
Jason Yu
Helen Hassinger
Donald Firth
Jenna Bergquist
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