



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



June 13, 2021

Third Sunday after Pentecost

All-Parish Meeting

Prelude

*We transition into
our sacred time together.*

Chiming the Trinity

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

Lighting the Christ Candle

We invoke God's light among us.

Bianca S.
Elementary Church School Class

One: May Christ, the Light of the World;
All: **Enlighten our hearts with Love!**

Opening Hymn

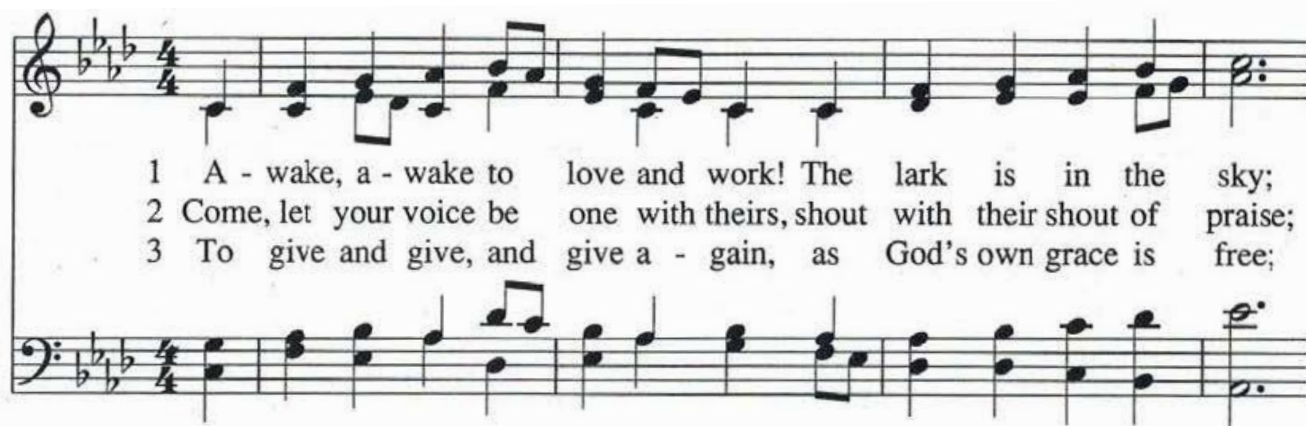
*We lift our voices, bodies,
minds and spirits as a
community in a song of praise.*

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

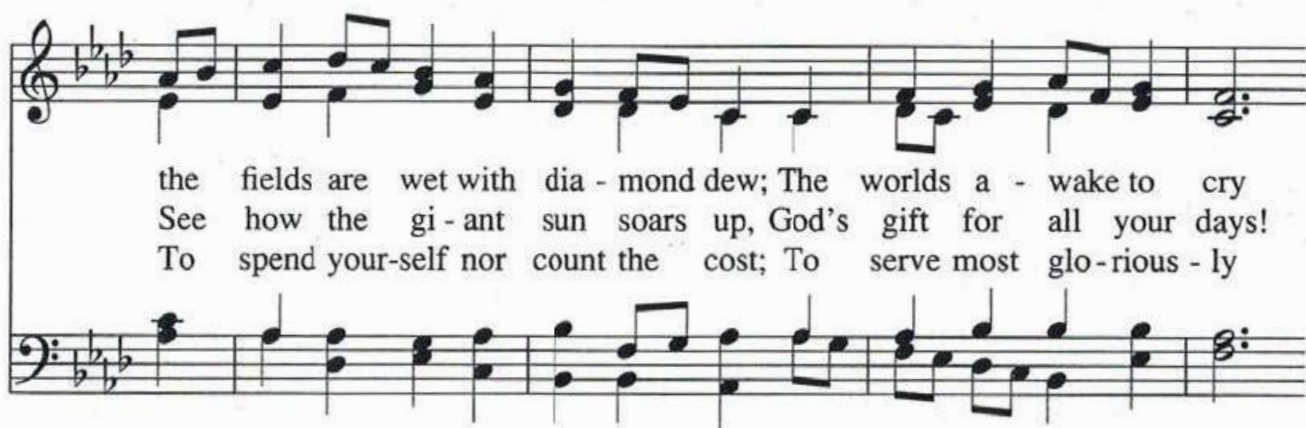
Awake, Awake to Love and Work

New Century Hymnal #89

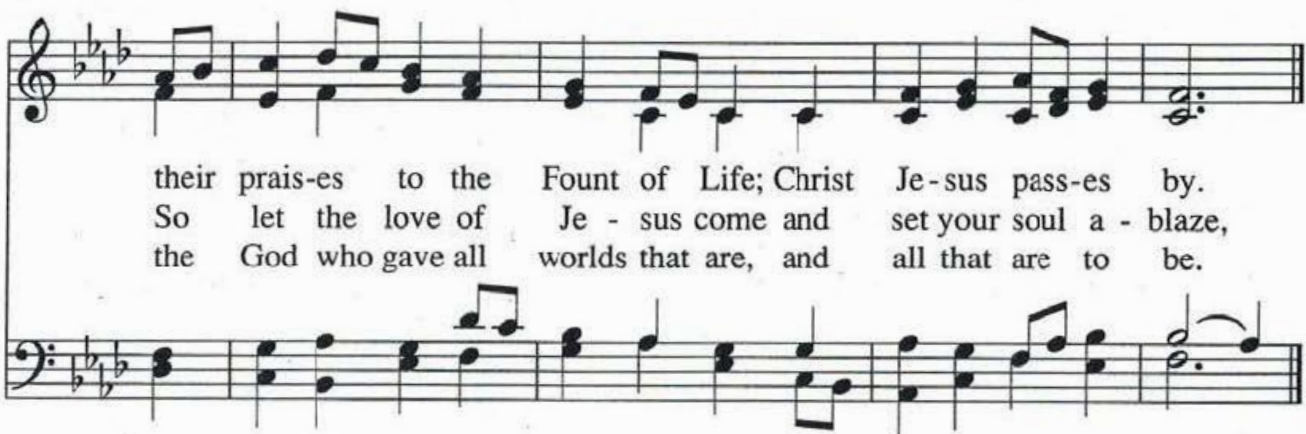
TUNE: MORNING SONG



1 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the sky;
2 Come, let your voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;
3 To give and give, and give a - gain, as God's own grace is free;



the fields are wet with dia - mond dew; The worlds a - wake to cry
See how the gi - ant sun soars up, God's gift for all your days!
To spend your-self nor count the cost; To serve most glo - rious - ly



their prais-es to the Fount of Life; Christ Je - sus pass-es by.
So let the love of Je - sus come and set your soul a - blaze,
the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

Greetings

We warmly welcome all into our midst.

Kent French
Senior Pastor

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.

Amy Norton
Associate Pastor

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.

Peace Response

*We re-gather ourselves
with poetry and song.*

Without A Song
by Vincent Youmens

Kevin Anderson
Soloist

*Without a song, the day would never end
Without a song, the road would never have been
When things go wrong, a man ain't got a friend
Without a song
That field of corn, would never see a plow
That field of corn, would be deserted now
A man is born, but he's no good no how
Without a song*

*I've got my trouble and woe, but sure as I know
The Jordan will roll
And I'll get along,
as long as a song is strong in my soul
I'll never know, what makes the rain to fall
I'll never know, what makes the grass so tall
I only know, there ain't no love at all
Without a song*

Reading from the Epistles

*We reflect together on
the correspondence of the early Church.*

Romans 16:1-20
[New International Version](#)

Charles B.
High School Group

One: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God in Spirit,
For the Word of God among us;

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Message

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

Kent French
Senior Pastor

Sung Response

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

A Horse with Wings
by Ricky Ian Gordon

Jami Rogers Anderson
Soloist

*I wanna cry.
I wanna feel the world around me whirling by.
I wanna cry for those that live,
and those that die.
You sing a lullaby.
I wanna cry.
I wanna pray,
that all my wishes could come true after today,
and should I put a word for you in,
should I say
an extra Kyrie?
I wanna pray.
I wanna lie.
I wanna think that things are better
than they are.*

*I wanna think we've gotten further,
and that far
is just an inch away.
I wanna lie.
A horse with wings,
I wanna think of things like that
and other things.
I want two brothers, one who laughs,
and one who sings.
I hope the future brings
a horse with wings.
I wanna know
the things they told me way back then
were really so.
I wanna make a little mark before I go,
not barely just get by,
I wanna fly!*

Prayers of the People

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

Jennifer Rodine, Moderator
Kent French, Senior Pastor

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 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.

Sally Stoyell
20/30 Vision
Online Worshiper

Doxology

We rejoin our voices in thanksgiving.

*We Thank You God
by Wendy Luellen Perkins
adapted by Kent French*

Susan DeSelms,
Penelope, Amalia, Kevin,
Song Leaders

***We thank you God for this precious day,
The Creator's care,
Christ's love to share,
For the Spirit here bringing kin-dom near,
We thank you God for this precious day.***

Holy Business

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

Closing Song

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

*I'm Gonna Lift My People Up
music and lyrics by
by Faya Rose Toure
arranged by Mary Alice and Peter Amidon*

Josaphat Contreras,
Kristen Murdaugh,
and Susan DeSelms
Song Leaders

***I'm gonna lift my sibling up, they are not heavy, (3x)
If I don't lift them up (3x) I will fall down.***

I'm gonna lift my neighbor up, they are not heavy...

I'm gonna lift the stranger up, they are not heavy...

I'm gonna lift my people up, they are not heavy...

Benediction

We receive a blessing as we depart from this worship.

Please join us immediately after worship for our **All-Parish Meeting** on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84404722500?pwd=RTllcm1lR2o2cVZ1S3dtb3hDSU52dz09>

Meeting ID: 844 0472 2500

Password: 468565

Or call 646-558-8656

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
Minister of Music
Parish Administrator
Facilities Manager
Multimedia Producer
Accounting Administrator
Nursery Supervisor
Pastor Emerita

The People of the United Parish

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