



The United Parish in Brookline

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Rooted in the past, Reaching into our Future

Celebrating United Parish's 50th Anniversary



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July 12, 2020

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Adventures in Faith: Recovering from a Broken Heart

Gathering Music

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Praise We Our God

Aidan and Luke Molloy

Tower Bells

Chiming the Trinity

We call forth God the Creator, Savior and Holy Spirit with a chime.

Lighting the Christ Candle

We invoke the Spirit of Christ among us.

Jesse Givens

Acolyte

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.

Morning Has Broken

by Eleanor Farjeon, traditional Gaelic melody

Chancel Choir

TUNE: BUNESSAN

***Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird,
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing fresh from the
Word.***

***Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.***

***Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
Born of the One Light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day.***

Greetings

We warmly welcome all into our midst.

Kent French and Amy Norton

Senior and Associate Pastors

Anthem

*We prepare for confession
with music and poetry.*

Hallelujah
by Alicia Keys

Seanna McGraw
from "Where is the Love?"
May 20, 2018

*There's a hole in my heart I've been hiding
I've been strong for so long that I'm blind
Is there a place I can go
where the lonely river flows?
Where fear ends and faith begins
Hallelujah, hallelujah, let me in*

*Every step makes me think that I'm closer
But somehow I just never arrived
When our hope disappears,
please protect me from my tears
I need you right by my side
Hallelujah, hallelujah, let me in.*

*I've been praying but I'm paying for my sins
Won't you give me a sign
before I lose my mind?
Woah, hallelujah, let me in*

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 be with you always;
All: And also with you.**

Peace Response

We gather with our voices in song.

*This Little Light of Mine
Spiritual*

Carolers

Scripture Reading

We reflect together on these words from the prophets.

Jeremiah 29:8-14

Matt Weber
20/30 Vision
Pastor-Parish Relations Committee

**One: The Wisdom of God for the people of God;
All: Thanks be to God!**

Sung Response

We reflect further on the scripture through poetry and music.

*O gather up the brokenness
And bring it to me now
The fragrance of those promises
You never dared to vow
The splinters that you carry
The cross you left behind
Come healing of the body
Come healing of the mind*

*And let the heavens hear it
The penitential hymn
Come healing of the spirit
Come healing of the limb*

*O gather up the brokenness
And bring it to me now
The fragrance of those promises
You never dared to vow
The splinters that you carry
The cross you left behind
Come healing of the body
Come healing of the mind*

Come Healing by Leonard Cohen

*And let the heavens hear it
The penitential hymn
Come healing of the spirit
Come healing of the limb*

*Behold the gates of mercy
In arbitrary space
And none of us deserving
The cruelty or the grace
O solitude of longing
Where love has been confined
Come healing of the body
Come healing of the mind*

*O troubled dust concealing
An undivided love
The heart beneath is teaching
To the broken heart above
Let the heavens falter
Let the earth proclaim
Come healing of the altar
Come healing of the name*

All Sing Chancel Choir

*O longing of the branches
To lift the little bud
O longing of the arteries
To purify the blood*

*And let the heavens hear it
The penitential hymn
Come healing of the spirit
Come healing of the limb*

*O let the heavens hear it
The penitential hymn
Come healing of the spirit
Come healing of the limb*

*O see the darkness yielding
That tore the light apart
Come healing of the reason
Come healing of the heart*

Message

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

Lynn Modell
Dancer, Choreographer
Making Dances

Musical Response

We reflect on the message through poetry and song.

*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*

One Voice by Ruth Moody

*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*

*This is the sound of one voice
One people, one voice
A song for every one of us
This is the sound of one voice
This is the sound of one voice*

Sally Stoyell, Sue Van Dyke
and Meagan McKinstry

Prayers of the People

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

Amy Norton

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.*

We invite you to use your chosen words for God: Father, Mother, Abba, Allah or...

Our Creator in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
On Earth as in Heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,

As we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. 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.

John Carter
Baptist Church Member

Doxology

*We rejoin our voices
in thanksgiving.*

Oh, We Give Thanks
by Wendy Luella Perkins
adapted words

Penelope and Susan DeSelms
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.*

Al-le-lu-ia....

***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.***

Prayer of Dedication

We ask God's blessing over the gifts.

Closing Hymn

Peace Before Us

TUNE: PRAYER FOR PEACE

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



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.

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

Amazing Grace

Paul Lauro-Priestly

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/81386565423?pwd=anZ2T0tidE1GS1dMT2NqZFNwdk5rZz09>

Meeting ID: 813 8656 5423

Password: 997759

Or call 646-558-8656

Bible Study on today's text at 10:30am.

Please contact biblestudy@upbrookline.org for the Zoom details.

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
Assistant Music Director
Parish Administrator
Facilities Manager
Building Usage Coordinator
Accounting Administrator
Multimedia Producer
Nursery Supervisor
Pastor Emerita

The People of the United Parish
Kent French
Amy Norton
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Josaphat Contreras
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