



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



Seanna McGraw learning to harvest rice in Nepal.

August 2, 2020

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Adventures in Faith: Learning to Listen in Serving Others

Gathering Music

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

One Love by Bob Marley

Youth Choir 2020

*One Love! One Heart!
Let's get together and feel all right
Hear the children cryin' (One Love!)
Hear the children cryin' (One Heart!)
Sayin': give thanks and praise to the Lord
and I will feel all right
Sayin': let's get together and feel all right.
Wo wo-wo wo-wo!*

*Let them all pass all their dirty remarks (One Love!)
There is one question I'd really love to ask (One Heart!)
Is there a place for the hopeless sinner
Who has hurt all mankind just to save his own beliefs?*

*One Love! One Heart!
Let's get together and feel all right
As it was in the beginning (One Love!)
So shall it be in the end (One Heart!)*

*Give thanks and praise to the Lord
and I will feel all right
Let's get together and feel all right
One more thing!*

*Let's get together to fight this Holy Armageddon (One Love!)
So when the Man comes there will be no, no doom (One Heart!)
Have pity on those whose chances grows thinner
There ain't no hiding place from the Parent of Creation*

*Sayin': "One Love," "One Heart!"
Let's get together and feel all right
I'm pleadin' to us all! (One Love!)
Oh, Lord! (One Heart) Wo-oo!*

*Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right
Let's get together and feel all right*

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.

Cy Perkins
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
Senior Pastor

Anthem

*We prepare for confession with
poetry and song.*

In the Bulb There is a Flower
by Natalie Sleeth

Carolers Choir
Seanna McGraw, *soloist*
David Rockwell and Alicia Hsu, *Co-Directors*
Recorded May 2012

*In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness
Bringing hope to you and me.*

*From the past will come the future;
What it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning;
In our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing;
In our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.*

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, il
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.**

Reading from the Epistles

We reflect together on this correspondence of the early Church.

1 Corinthians 12

Chad Moore, 20/30s Vision &

Greater Boston Interfaith Legislative Action

Ed DeAngelo, Human Relations, Church School

Sarah Spencer, *Stretching into Justice*; Erin Venkatesh, *Thrifty Threads*

Stefan Reed, *Gathering Ministry Team, Church School*

Kate Hendrix, *Clerk of Church Council, UP Ringers*; Kate Baker-Carr, *Human Relations Ministry Team*

Pat Howkinson, *Chancel Choir, Exalting Ministry Team, Hearts & Hands Coordinator, Anniversary Team*

Jennifer Rodine, *Moderator*; Ben McGraw, *Church Council*

Mary McConnell, *Gathering, Chancel Choir, Anniversary Team*

Ramiro Martinez, *Church Council*

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!**

Musical Response

We reflect on the scripture through poetry and song.

Sisi Ni Moja

by Jacob Narverud

Carolers and Youth Choirs

May 2019

We all laugh, we all cry, we all feel hunger, we all feel pain.

We all love, we all hate, we all hope, and we all dream.

We are one world, one people. And we all breathe the same.

*A tribe of many languages, a group of many heartaches,
fighting for peace among the land.*

Heja, heja, sisi ni moja. Heja, heja, we are one.

We all want, we all need, we all seek passion, we all seek joy.

We all bruise, we all scar, we all fail, but learn to thrive.

We are one world, one people. And we all breathe the same.

*In the darkness of the night and in the glory of the morning,
we walk along the path and find our way.*

*Now we stand here together and lift our hearts in song
to the rhythm of this moment in our lives:*

Heja, heja, sisi ni moja. Heja, heja, we are one.

Homily

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

Seanna McGraw
Lifelong Member
Youth Choir and Church School Alumna

Sung Response

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

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

Helen Hassinger, Nick Duffin,
Josaphat Contreras,
Kristen Murdaugh,
and Susan DeSelms

**All Sing: *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...***

Prayers of the People

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

Kate Baker-Carr
Human Relations Ministry Team,
Member-in-Discernment Team

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 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.

Christina Rawinski

Doxology

We rejoin our voices
in thanksgiving.

Oh, We Give Thanks

by Wendy Luella Perkins
adapted words by Kent French

Penelope and Susan DeSelms

Song Leaders

We thank you, God,
For this precious day:
The Creator's care,
Christ's love to share,

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.

For the Spirit here,
Bringing Kin-dom near.
We thank you, God
For this precious day.

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.

Peace Before Us

TUNE: PRAYER FOR PEACE



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

We transition out of our sacred time together.

Ubuntu
by Mark Hayes

Boston Children's Choir Festival 2016
Paul Rodine, video

I am me because of you, ubuntu, ubuntu, and you are you because of me, ubuntu, ubuntu.

I need you and you need me, ubuntu, ubuntu,

We are one big family, umuntu ungumuntu ngabanye abantu.

I am human just like you, but we have differences, it's true.

I will see the best in you, and I know that you will see the best in me.

I will guard your dignity. Ubuntu, ubuntu, we will live in harmony, ubuntu, ubuntu.

I will lift your spirit high, ubuntu, ubuntu, wipe the teardrops from your eyes, ubuntu.

As a chorus we are strong ubuntu ubuntu, when everyone of us sings along, ubuntu, ubuntu.

So lift your voice and sing your part, ubuntu, ubuntu, let us hear what's in your heart,

Ubuntu ungumuntu ngabanye abantu.

I am human just like you, but we have differences, it's true.

I will see the best in you, and I know that you will see the best in me, in me!

I am me because of you, ubuntu, ubuntu,

And you are you because of me, ubuntu, ubuntu.

I need you and you need me, ubuntu, ubuntu, we are one big family...

Let us sing in harmony, show the world our unity.

Umuntu ungumuntu ngabanye abantu.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84405615525?pwd=UUptUUthblRzSUlpVOhBd200VWZrUT09>

Meeting ID: 844 0561 5525

Password: 520939

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
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
Susan DeSelms
Josaphat Contreras
Sarah Fitzpatrick
David Dunphy
Helen Hassinger
Donald Firth
Jack Lilburn
Jenna Bergquist
Patricia Coughlin



UNITED PARISH IN BROOKLINE

American Baptist • United Church of Christ • United Methodist

210 Harvard Street, Brookline, Massachusetts 02446

617-277-6860

office@upbrookline.org

upbrookline.org