



The United Parish in Brookline

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Rooted in the past, Reaching into our future

Celebrating United Parish's 50th Anniversary



Jesse Givens interviews a participant in the September 20, 2019 Boston Youth Climate Strike [screen capture/Brookline Interactive Group]

August 23, 2020

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Adventures in Faith: Making a Documentary on Climate Activism

Gathering Music

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

Be Now My Vision

Traditional Irish Melody
arranged by Kate Hendrix

Kate Hendrix
Dulcimer

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.

Amalia Rodine
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.*

There is More Love Somewhere
Spiritual

Priya Devavaram
Song Leader

There is more love somewhere. (3x)
I'm gonna keep on til I find it, there is more love somewhere.

There is more hope somewhere. (3x)
I'm gonna keep on til I find it, there is more hope somewhere.

There is more peace somewhere. (3x)
I'm gonna keep on til I find it, there is more peace somewhere.

There is more love somewhere. (3x)
I'm gonna keep on til I find it, there is more love somewhere.

Greetings

We warmly welcome all into our midst.

Amy Norton
Associate Pastor

Anthem

*We prepare for confession
through poetry and song.*

Where is the Love?
by The Black Eyed Peas
Will Adams, Printz Board, J. Curtis,
Michael Fratantuno, Jaime Gomez, George Pajon,
Allan Pineda, Justin Timberlake

Priya Devavaram,
Melanie Hsu Chernin,
Malcolm and Seanna McGraw,
Soloists

*What's wrong with the world, momma
People living like they ain't got no momma
I think the whole addicted to the drama
Only attracted to the things that will bring the
trauma.*

*Overseas, yeah they trying to stop terrorism
But we still got terrorists here livin'
In the USA, the big CIA, the Bloods and the Crips and
KKK*

*But if you only got love for your own race
Then you only leave space to discriminate
And to discriminate only generates hate
And when you hate then you're bound to get irate
The badness is what you demonstrate
And that's exactly how anger works and operates
Man, you gotta have love just to set it straight
Take control of your mind and meditate
Let your soul gravitate to the love, y'all.*

*Chorus: People killin' people dying
Children hurt, can you hear them crying
Can you practice what you preach?
Would you turn the other cheek again?
Father, father, father help us
Send some guidance from above
'Cause people got me, got me
Questioning
Where's the love?*

*It ain't just the same, always unchanged,
New days are strange
Is the world insane?
If love and peace are so strong,
What is goin' wrong?*

*In the world that we're livin' in, people keep on givin'
in,
Making wrong decisions, only visions of the dividends,
not respecting each other; deny thy brother.
A war's goin' on, but the reason's undercover.*

*The truth is kept secret; it's swept under the rug.
If you never know truth, then you never know love.
Where's the love, y'all? Come on. Where's the truth,
y'all? Chorus*

*I feel the weight of the world on my shoulders
As I'm getting older y'all people gets colder
Most of us only care about money making
Selfishness got us following the wrong direction
Wrong information always shown by the media
Negative images is the main criteria
Infecting the young minds faster than bacteria
Kids wanna act like what they see in the cinemas.*

*Whatever happened to the love and the values of
humanity?
What happened to the fairness of equality?*

*Instead of spreading love we're spreading animosity
Lack of understanding leading us away from unity.
That's the reason why sometimes I'm feelin' under.
There's no wonder why sometimes I'm feelin' under.
Gotta keep my faith alive till love is found, and ask
yourself...*

Where is the love? Where is the love?

*People killin' people dying
Children hurt, can you hear them crying
Can you practice what you preach?
Would you turn the other cheek again?
Father, father, father help us
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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.**

Anthem

We reflect on the peace of Christ, shared among us.

What a Wonderful World
by George David Weiss and Bob Thiele

Carolers

*I see trees of green, red roses too, I see them bloom for me and you,
and I think to myself what a wonderful world.
I see skies of blue and clouds of white, the bright blessed day, the dark sacred night
and I think to myself what a wonderful world.*

*The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky are also on the faces of people goin' by,
I see friends shakin' hands, sayin' "How do you do!" They're really sayin' "I love you."*

*I hear babies cry, I watch them grow, they'll learn much more than I'll ever know
and I think to myself, what a wonderful world.
Yes, I think to myself what a wonderful world.*

Scripture Reading

We reflect together on this story from the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Luke 18:9-14

Deb Wald
Adult Bible Study Co-Leader,
Cherubs Co-Leader

One: The Good News of Jesus Christ;
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sung Response

We prepare for the message with music.

Seek Ye First the Kin-dom of God
by Karen Lafferty

Nick Duffin,
Helen Hassinger,
Josaphat Contreras,
Kristen Murdaugh, Choral Section Leaders

Seek ye first the kin - dom of God
Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;

and God's right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia.

Homily

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

Jesse Givens
Youth Choir
Middle School Church School Class

Anthem

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

One Love
by Bob Marley

Youth Choir

*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?*

*Let's get together to fight this Holy Armageddon
So when the Man comes there will be no, no doom
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!
Oh, Lord! (One Heart) Wo-ooh!
Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right
Let's get together and feel all right
Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right
Let's get together and feel all right*

*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!*

Prayers of the People

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

Amy Norton

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.**

Prayer Response
*We continue our prayers in
poetry and song.*

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
by Helen H. Lemmel

Josaphat Contreras
Assistant Music Director

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
And the thing of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of his glory and praise.*

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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.

Maddie Kennedy

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

Kristen Murdaugh, Nick Duffin
Helen Hassinger, Song Leaders

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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Peace Before Us'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Holy Business

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

Postlude

*We transition out
of our sacred time together.*

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
by Peter Lutkin

Chancel Choir

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87693660567?pwd=b3ZFc1BhVWNlaXJaVWJmUEExXbEhCUT09>

Meeting ID: 876 9366 0567

Password: 693193

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

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