

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.

One: May Christ, the light of the world; All: Enlighten our hearts with love!

Amalia Rodine Acolyte

There is More Love Somewhere Spiritual

Priya Devavaram Song Leader

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

> 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

Priya Devavaram,

Anthem

We prepare for confession through poetry and song.

Where is the Love? by The Black Eyed Peas

Melanie Hsu Chernin, Will Adams, Printz Board, J. Curtis, Malcolm and Seanna McGraw.

Michael Fratantuno, Jaime Gomez, George Pajon,

Soloists

Allan Pineda, Justin Timberlake

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'

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
Send some guidance from above
'Cause people got me, got me
Questioning
Where is the love?

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 What a Wonderful World Carolers
We reflect on the peace by George David Weiss and Bob Thiele

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

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

Luke 18:9-14

Deb Wald

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

Adult Bible Study Co-Leader, Cherubs Co-Leader

One: The Good News of Jesus Christ;

All: Thanks be to God!

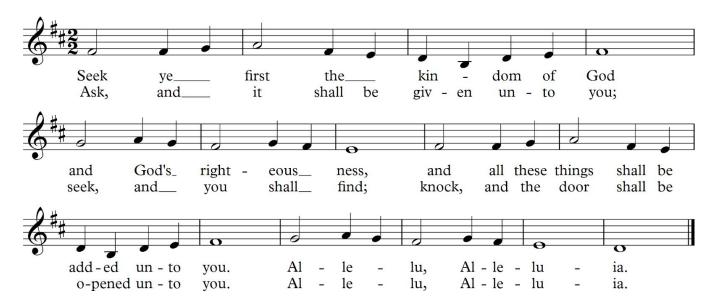
Sung Response

Seek Ye First the Kin-dom of God

We prepare for the message with music. by Karen Lafferty

Nick Duffin, Helen Hassinger, Josaphat Contreras,

Kristen Murdaugh, Choral Section Leaders



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 One Love Youth Choir

by Bob Marley

We reflect on the message through poetry and song.

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!

Prayers of the People

Amy Norton

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

One: O God, hear our prayer,

All: And guide us in your love.

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

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 Maddie Kennedy

We hear from community members about why they take part.

DoxologyOh, We Give ThanksWe rejoin our voicesby Wendy Luella Perkinsin thanksgiving.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,

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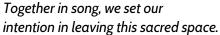
For the Spirit here, Bringing Kin-dom near. We thank you, God, For this precious day. For the Spirit here, Bringing Kin-dom near. We thank you, God For this precious day.

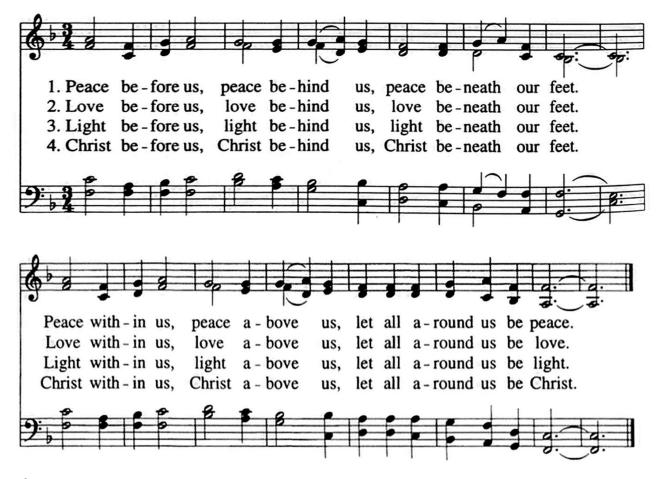
Al-le-lu-ia....

Prayer of Dedication

We ask God's blessing over the gifts.

TUNE: PRAYER FOR PEACE





Holy Business

We transition out

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

Postlude

The Lord Bless You and Keep You by Peter Lutkin

Chancel Choir

of our sacred time together.

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

https://usO2web.zoom.us/j/87693660567?pwd=b3ZFc1BhVWNlaXJaVWJmUExXbEhCUTO9

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

The People of the United Parish
Kent French
Amy Norton
Susan DeSelms
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