



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



Snow, representing manna, the life-sustaining food God provided to the Israelites in the desert.

September 20, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Enough, or: Relying on Manna in a Pandemic

Gathering Music

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

Susan DeSelms
Organ

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!

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.

I've Got Peace Like a River verses 1, 3, and 4

Nick Duffin and Margot Wegman

Song Leaders

TUNE: PEACE LIKE A RIVER

1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
2 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a
3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an
4 I've got faith like an an - chor, I've got faith like an

1
riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my
o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean, in my
an - chor, I've got faith like an an - chor, in my

2
soul. I've got riv - er in my soul.
soul. I've got foun-tain in my soul.
soul. I've got o - cean in my soul.
soul. I've got an - chor in my soul.

Greetings

We warmly welcome all into our midst.

Amy Norton and Kent French

Associate and Senior Pastors

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.*

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 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.

Peace Response

We gather with our voices in song.

We Return

by Elana Arian and Noah Aronson

Nick Duffin and Margot Wegman

Song Leaders

The musical score for 'We Return' is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 12/8. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words in parentheses indicating breathers or phrasing. The score is divided into five systems, each with a single staff. The lyrics are: (we re- turn) We re- turn (we re- turn) We re- turn, re - turn a - gain. We re- turn We re turn (we re- turn) We re- turn, re - turn a - gain, and a - gain, to Love Peace You Love Peace You We re - turn a - gain to Love. Peace. You. We re turn

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

We reflect together on this story from the Hebrew Bible.

Exodus 16:2-15

Justin Aier

One: For the Word of God in scripture,
One: For the Word of God in Spirit,
One: For the Word of God among us;
All: Thanks be to God!

Homily

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

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Amy Norton
Associate Pastor

Sung Response

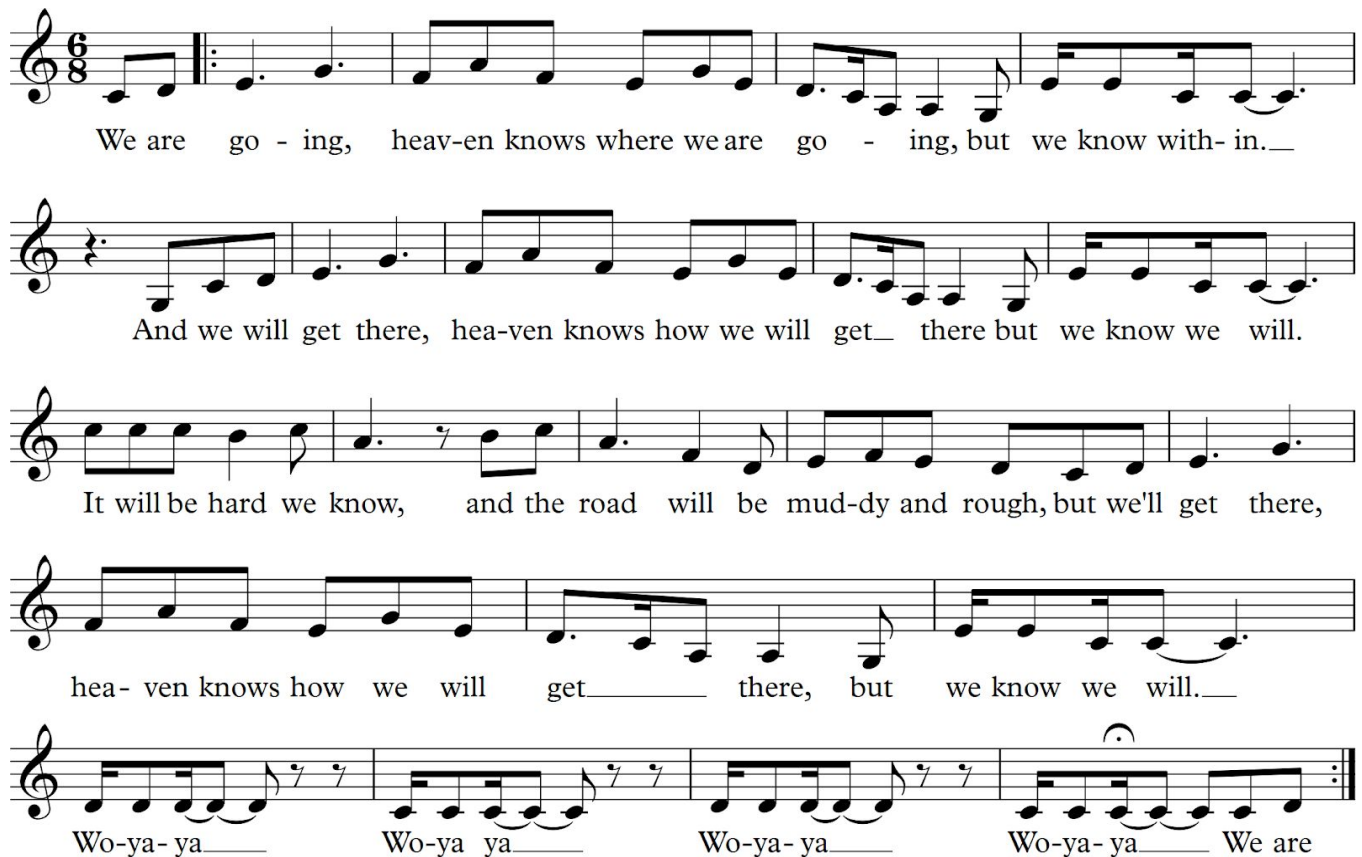
*We reflect on the message
through poetry and song.*

Woyaya

Transcribed from Ysaye M. Barnwell
Arranged by Jeannie Gagne

Nick Duffin and Margot Wegman

Song Leaders



We are go - ing, heav-en knows where we are go - ing, but we know with- in.____

And we will get there, hea-ven knows how we will get____ there but we know we will.

It will be hard we know, and the road will be mud-dy and rough, but we'll get there,

hea- ven knows how we will get____ there, but we know we will.____

Wo-ya-ya____ Wo-ya ya____ Wo-ya-ya____ Wo-ya-ya____ We are

Prayers of the People

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

Kent French
Senior 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 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.

Sung Response

We continue our prayers
in poetry and song.

Lead Me, Lord
by Samuel Wesley

Nick Duffin and Margot Wegman
Song Leaders

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-eous-ness, make thy way

plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord,

on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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.

Kent French
Senior Pastor

Offertory Anthem

*We offer our gifts as musicians
offer a song of praise
and thanksgiving.*

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Words by Jennie Wilson
Music by F. L. Eiland
Arranged by Paul Halley

Chancel Choir and
Members of Temple Shir Tikva
Merle Perkins, soloist
Recorded February 2017

*Time is filled with swift transition,
Naught of earth unmoved can stand,
Build your hopes on things eternal,
Hold to God's unchanging hand.*

*Trust in God who will not leave you,
Whatsoever years may bring,
If by earthly friends forsaken
Still more closely to God cling.*

Refrain:

*Hold to God's unchanging hand,
Hold to God's unchanging hand;
Build your hopes on things eternal,
Hold to God's unchanging hand.*

Doxology

*We rejoin our voices
in thanksgiving.*

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Je - sus Christ whose pow'r up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it Ho - ly

Spi - rit! Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! 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.

How Firm a Foundation

Nick Duffin and Margot Wegman

Song Leaders

TUNE: FOUNDATION

1 How firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,

by God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!
for I am your God, I will still give you aid;
the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;
my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can God say than to you has been said,
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand
For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."
de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."
your soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

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.*

Susan DeSelms
Organ

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83579660886?pwd=bG00SDhrNWdlYUJndzZtanZLT3lVZz09>

Meeting ID: 835 7966 0886

Password: 738447

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
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
Sarah Fitzpatrick
David Dunphy
Helen Hassinger
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Jack Lilburn
Jenna Bergquist
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