



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



Parable of the Wedding Feast

October 11, 2020 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Crashing the Banquet

Gathering Music

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

Susan DeSelms
Minister of Music

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.

Jesse Givens
Church School

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

Opening Hymn

Awake, Awake to Love and Work

New Century Hymnal #89

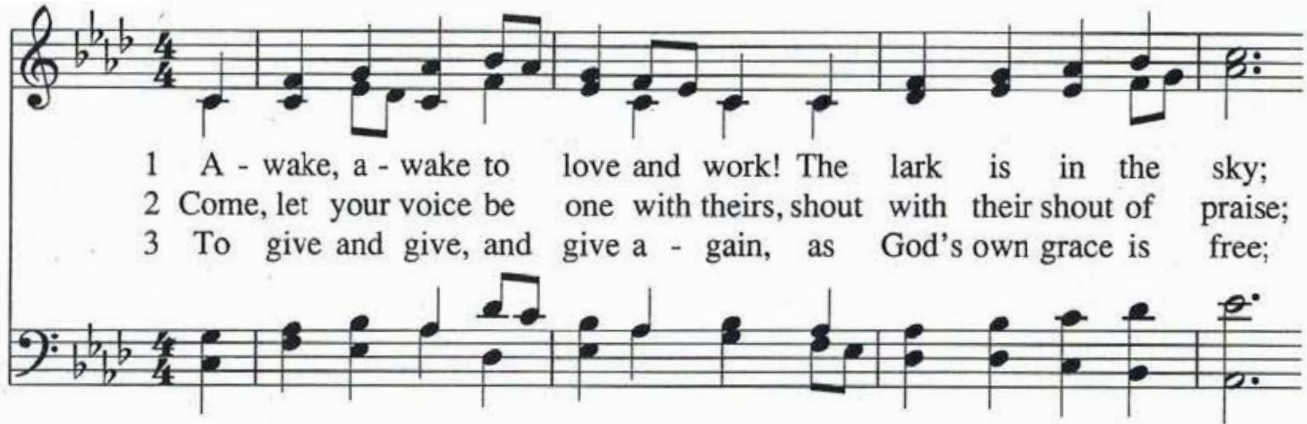
We lift our voices, bodies,

TUNE: MORNING SONG

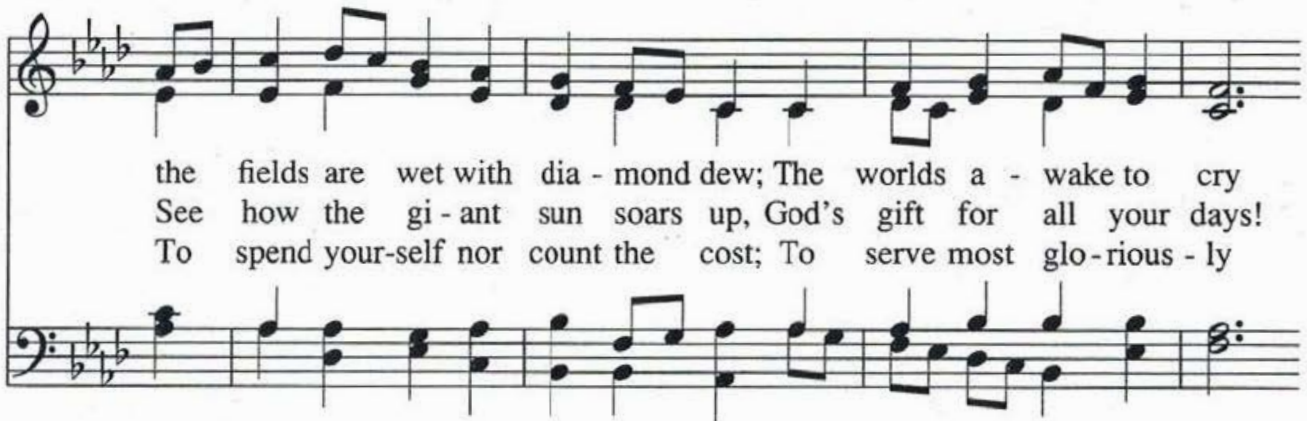
minds and spirits as a

community in a song of praise.

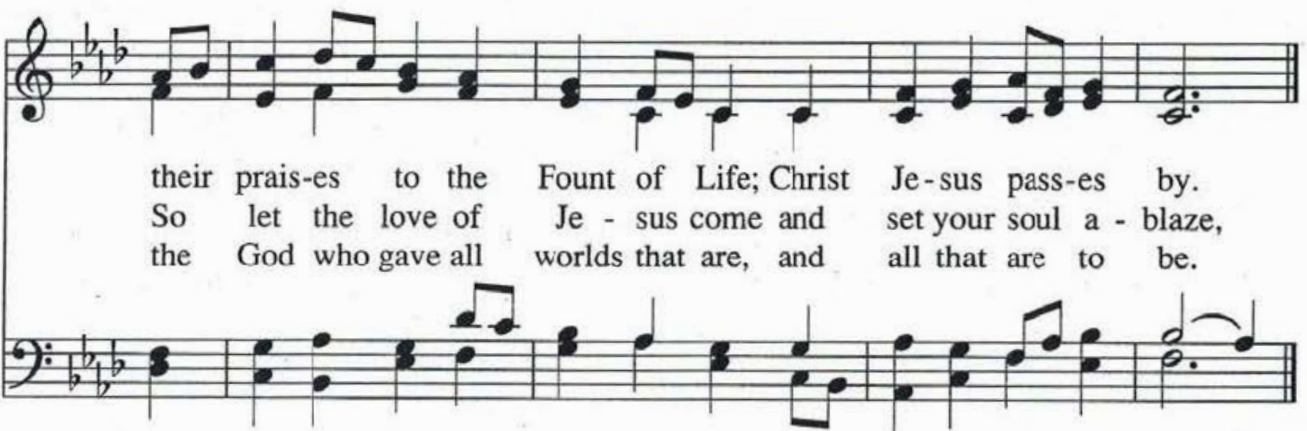
We invite you to sing, speak or silently read the words together.



1 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the sky;
2 Come, let your voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;
3 To give and give, and give a - gain, as God's own grace is free;



the fields are wet with dia - mond dew; The worlds a - wake to cry
See how the gi - ant sun soars up, God's gift for all your days!
To spend your-self nor count the cost; To serve most glo - rious - ly



their prais-es to the Fount of Life; Christ Je - sus pass-es by.
So let the love of Je - sus come and set your soul a - blaze,
the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

Greetings

We warmly welcome all into our midst.

Kent French and Amy Norton

Senior and Associate 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.*

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.

Sung Response

*We continue our prayers
in poetry and song.*

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

New Century Hymnal #476

TUNE: ENDLESS SONG

David Flanagan, soloist

Reading from the Gospel

*We reflect together on this story from the
ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.*

Matthew 22:1-14

Adam Sutton

Adult Deepening Ministry Team

One: For the Good News of Jesus Christ;
All: Thanks be to God!

Homily

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

Crashing the Banquet

Amy Norton
Associate Pastor

Sung Response

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

Come to Tend God's Garden

New Century Hymnal #586

TUNE: KING'S WESTON

1 Come to tend God's gar - den, seeds of hope to sow, plant-ing fields of
2 As we tend God's gar - den, from its fur-rows rise stems of fresh be -
3 May God's gar - den flour - ish, may our toil suc - ceed, may God bless our

*Whenever this repeated figure appears in the bass,
the organist should tie the eighth notes in the bass part.

jus - tice, watch-ing mer - cy grow! In an ar - id waste - land,
gin - nings, stretch-ing toward the skies! Gra-cious-ness, our mead - ow,
ac - tions, ev - ery word and deed! Serv-ing Christ each sea - son,

spread a ver - dant heath! In a land of tu-mult, cul - ti - vate God's peace!
joy - ful - ness, our root, u - ni-ty, our fo-liage, righ-teous-ness, our fruit!
with God's di - a - gram, chart-ed by the Spir-it, for the task at hand!

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, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
On Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. 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.

Arielle Chernin
Community Thanksgiving
Dinner Coordinator

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.*

Standing at the Future's Threshold

New Century Hymnal #538

TUNE: HYMN TO JOY, OR HYFRYDOL



1. Stand - ing at the fut - ure's thresh - old, grate - ful for God's guid - ing hand.
2. Midst the team - ing cit - ies' mil - lions, wit - ness to God's bound-less love,
3. O - pen heart - ed in ex chang - es with the faith - ful not our own,



Ask - ing no pro - tect - ed strong - hold, called to be a pil - grim band,
Reach - ing for each sys - tem's lost ones, seek - ing jus - tice with each move;
Trust - ing God's way with these strang - ers not to leave the truth un - known,



Seek - ing ev - er for new vis - ion of the gos - pel for our day,
Grant us cour - age, strength, and pat - ience to con - tend with vic - ious power,
Join - ing them in shared en - deav - or where we have Christ's clear com - mand,



We move for - ward in God's mis - sion with our faith to show the way.
Lead us for - ward in the faith that gives us hope in test - ing's hour.
We have faith that calls us ev - er tow'rd this good earth's prom - ised land.

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

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87230827671?pwd=MU9ST2O4WGVvNDVrRy9rS3RmSlpHZz09>

Meeting ID: 872 3082 7671

Password: 255463

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
Seminarian
Parish Administrator
Facilities Manager
Accounting Administrator
Multimedia Producer
Nursery Supervisor
Building Usage Coordinator
Pastor Emerita

The People of the United Parish

Kent French
Amy Norton
Susan DeSelms
Katharine Henry
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Donald Firth
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Helen Hassinger
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