



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



*Bob and Patricia Schram with Joao who was Patricia's patient until he was 5 years old.
He is a musician and played in Cambridge in June 2016.*

August 9, 2020

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Adventures in Faith: Caring for Opioid and Heroin Users

Gathering Music

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Roberto Lauro-Priestly
Tower Bells

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.

Luke Molloy

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.

This is Holy Ground
by John Michael Talbot

Helen Hassinger, Nick Duffin,
Kristen Murdaugh

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second staff contains the next two lines. The third staff contains the first two lines of the second verse. The fourth staff contains the next two lines of the second verse, ending with the instruction 'repeat verse 1'. There are triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of three notes in the first and third staves.

This is ho - ly ground, we're stand-ing on ho - ly ground
These are ho - ly hands God's giv - en us ho - ly hands

for____ God is pre sent and where God is is ho - ly____
God works through these hands and so these hands are ho - ly.____

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These are ho - ly hands God's giv - en us ho - ly hands

for____ God is pre-sent and where God is is ho - ly._
God works through these hands and so these hands are ho - ly. repeat verse 1

Greetings

We warmly welcome all into our midst.

Amy Norton
Associate Pastor

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.

Anthem

*We reflect on the peace of
Christ through music.*

Bachianas Brasileiras, No. 5
by Heitor Villa-Lobos (Brazilian, 1887-1959)

Helen Hassinger, *soloist*

Scripture Reading

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

John 9:1-12

Amy McLaughlin-Sheasby

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

Anthem

*We reflect on the scripture
through poetry and music.*

Be Thou My Vision
Traditional Irish Melody
arranged by Kate Hendrix

Kate Hendrix
Dulcimer

Homily

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

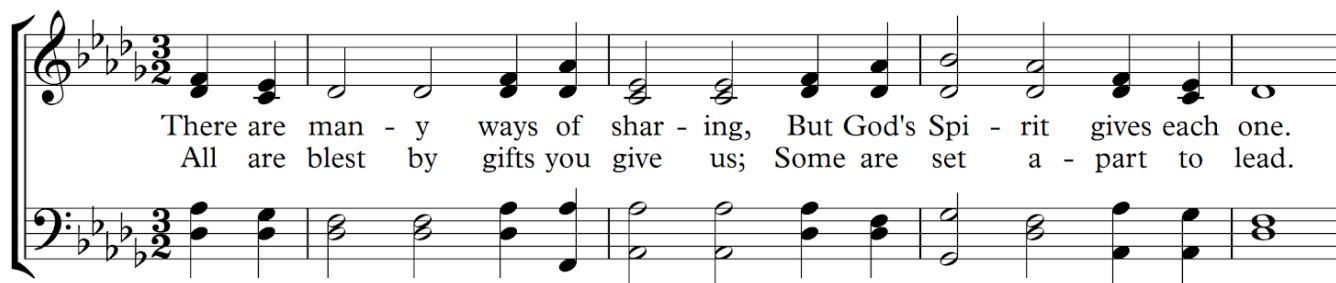
Patricia Schram
Physician and United Parish Usher

Hymn

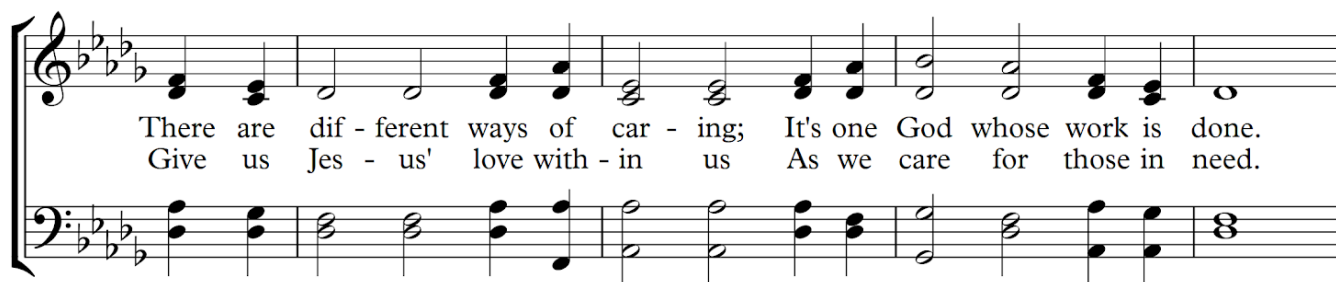
*We reflect on the message
through poetry and song.*

There are Many Ways of Sharing
words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

TUNE: NETTLETON



There are man - y ways of shar - ing, But God's Spi - rit gives each one.
All are blest by gifts you give us; Some are set a - part to lead.



There are dif - ferent ways of car - ing; It's one God whose work is done.
Give us Jes - us' love with - in us As we care for those in need.



God, whose gifts are ov - er - flow - ing, May we hear you when you call;
Give us faith to make de - ci - sions; Give us joy to share your Word.



Keep us ser - ving, keep us grow - ing For the com - mon good of all.
Give us un - i - ty and vi - sion As we serve your church and world.

Prayers of the People

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.

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. No gift is too small or too large. All are precious.

Invitation

We hear from community members about why they take part.

Julie Anderson

Chancel Choir

Doxology

*We rejoin our voices
in thanksgiving.*

Oh, We Give Thanks
by Wendy Luella Perkins
adapted words by Kent French

Penelope and Susan DeSelms,
Kevin Shushan
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.
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For this precious day.*

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Al-le-lu-ia....

Prayer of Dedication

We ask God's blessing over the gifts.

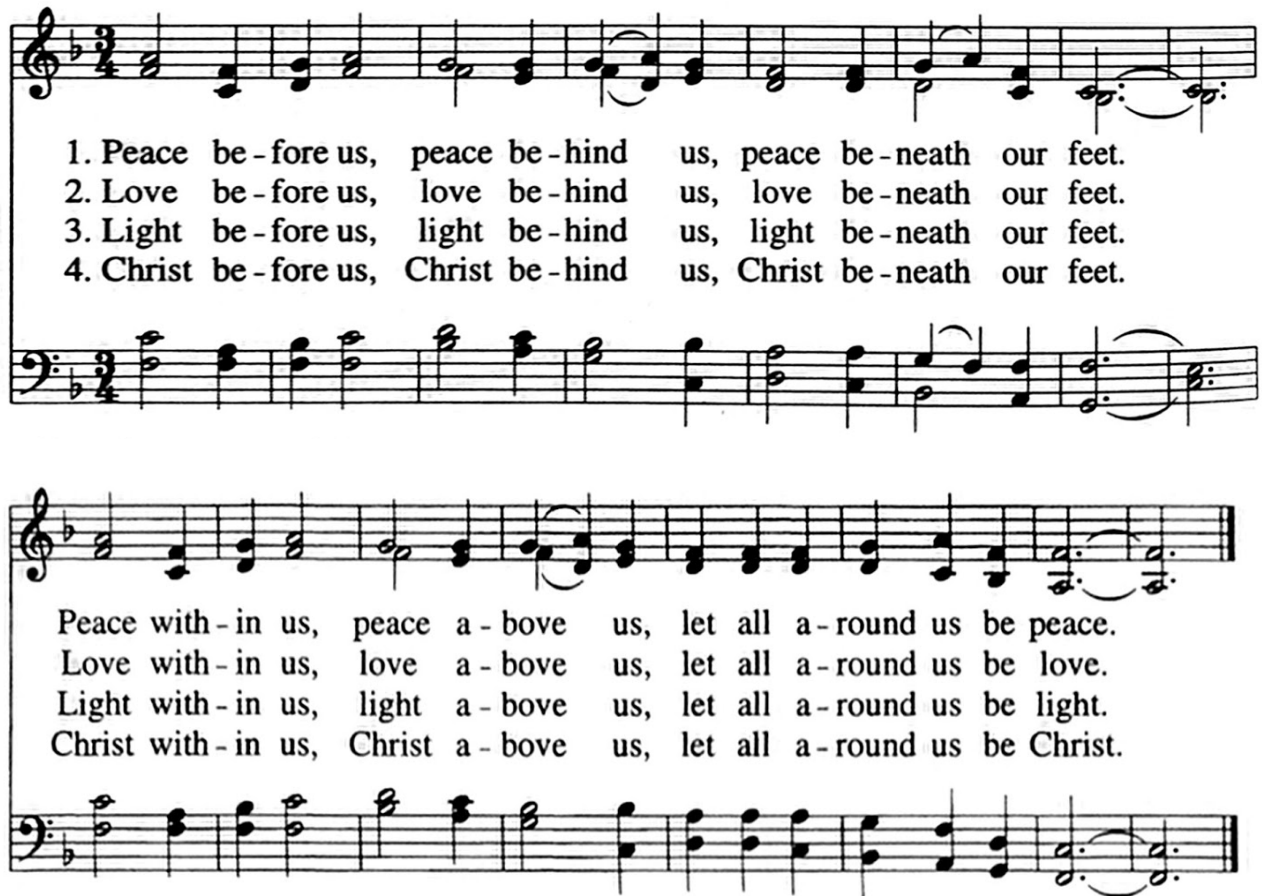
Closing Hymn

*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.

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

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Adrian Molloy

We transition out of our sacred time together.

Tower Bells

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86772198606?pwd=SElVZlM1b3RZNkZObiNHemNraDRaUT09>

Meeting ID: 867 7219 8606

Passcode: 515966

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



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