



The United Parish in Brookline

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Rooted in the past, Reaching into our future

Celebrating United Parish's 50th Anniversary



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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

The Fundamentals

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.

Luke Molloy
Church School

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.*

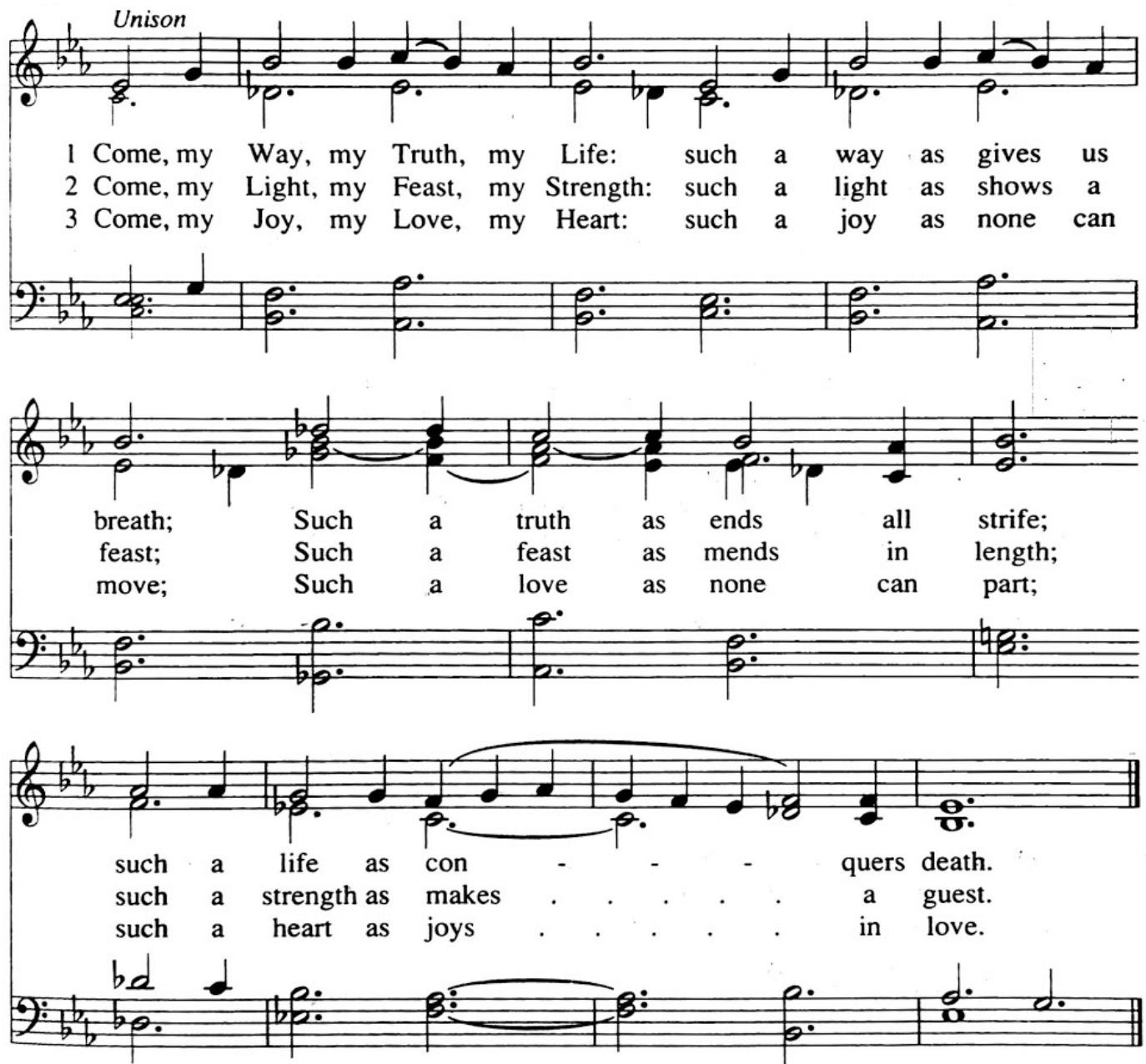
We invite you to sing, speak or silently read the words together.

Come My Way, My Truth, My Life
by Ralph Vaughn Williams

New Century Hymnal #331

TUNE: THE CALL

Unison



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can

breath; Such a truth as ends all strife;
feast; Such a feast as mends in length;
move; Such a love as none can part;

such a life as con - - - quers death.
such a strength as makes . . . a guest.
such a heart as joys . . . in love.

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.*

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.

Hush, Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name

Traditional Spiritual

New Century Hymnal #604

The musical score is written on four staves in 12/8 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are: Hush! Hush! Some bo - dy's cal - ling my_ name. Hush! Hush! Some bo - dy's cal - ling my name.____ Oh, hush! Hush! Some bo - dy's cal - ling my_ name. O my_ God, O my_ God, what shall I do? What shall I do?

Reading from the Gospel

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

Matthew 22:34-46

Doug Johnson

Church Treasurer

Co-Convener, Growing Grandparents

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.

The Fundamentals

Kent French

Senior Pastor

Sung Response

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

Be Now My Vision

New Century Hymnal #451

TUNE: SLANE

Unison

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—
ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!



You my best thought, by day or by night,
Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
You and you on - ly are first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.



Prayers of the People

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

Katharine Henry and Amy Norton
Seminarian and Associate 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.

Sung Response

*We continue our prayers
in poetry and song.*

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go
verses 1-3

New Century Hymnal #485
TUNE: ST. MARGARET

1 O Love that will not let me go,
2 O Light that fol - lows all my way,
3 O Joy that seeks me through my pain,
4 O Cross that rais - es up my head,

I rest my wea - ry soul in you;
to you I yield my flick - ering flame;
to you I can - not close my heart;
from you I dare not seek to flee;

I give you back the life I owe, that
 Re - new my spir - it's fee - ble ray, that
 I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and
 Life's glo - ries with - er and are dead, but

in your o - cean depths its flow may swell with ar - dor true.
 from your bril - liant sun - lit day it may new bright - ness claim.
 know the prom - ise is not vain that you will ne'er de - part.
 from the ground there blos - soms red, life that shall end - less be.

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.

Prabhakar Devavaram

Thanksgiving Meal Planning Team

Buildings & Grounds and Missions Giving Teams

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*We rejoin our voices
 in thanksgiving.*

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow;

Praise God all crea - tures here be - low;

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.*

This is a Day of New Beginnings

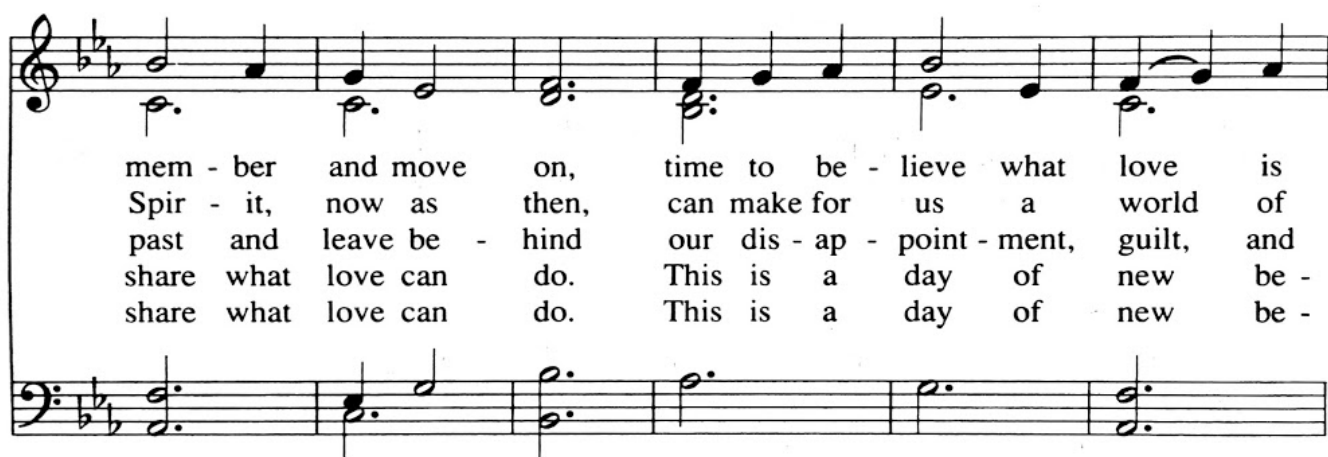
New Century Hymnal #417

TUNE: BEGINNINGS

Unison



1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -
2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y
3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the
4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and
* In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and



mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is
Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of
past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and
share what love can do. This is a day of new be -
share what love can do. This is a day of new be -



bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.
griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.
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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/87511656225?pwd=VExjNUlzcmljYWVTZFM4SCtIOEVRUT09>

Meeting ID: 875 1165 6225

Password: 495355

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
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Katharine H. Henry
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Jack Lilburn
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