

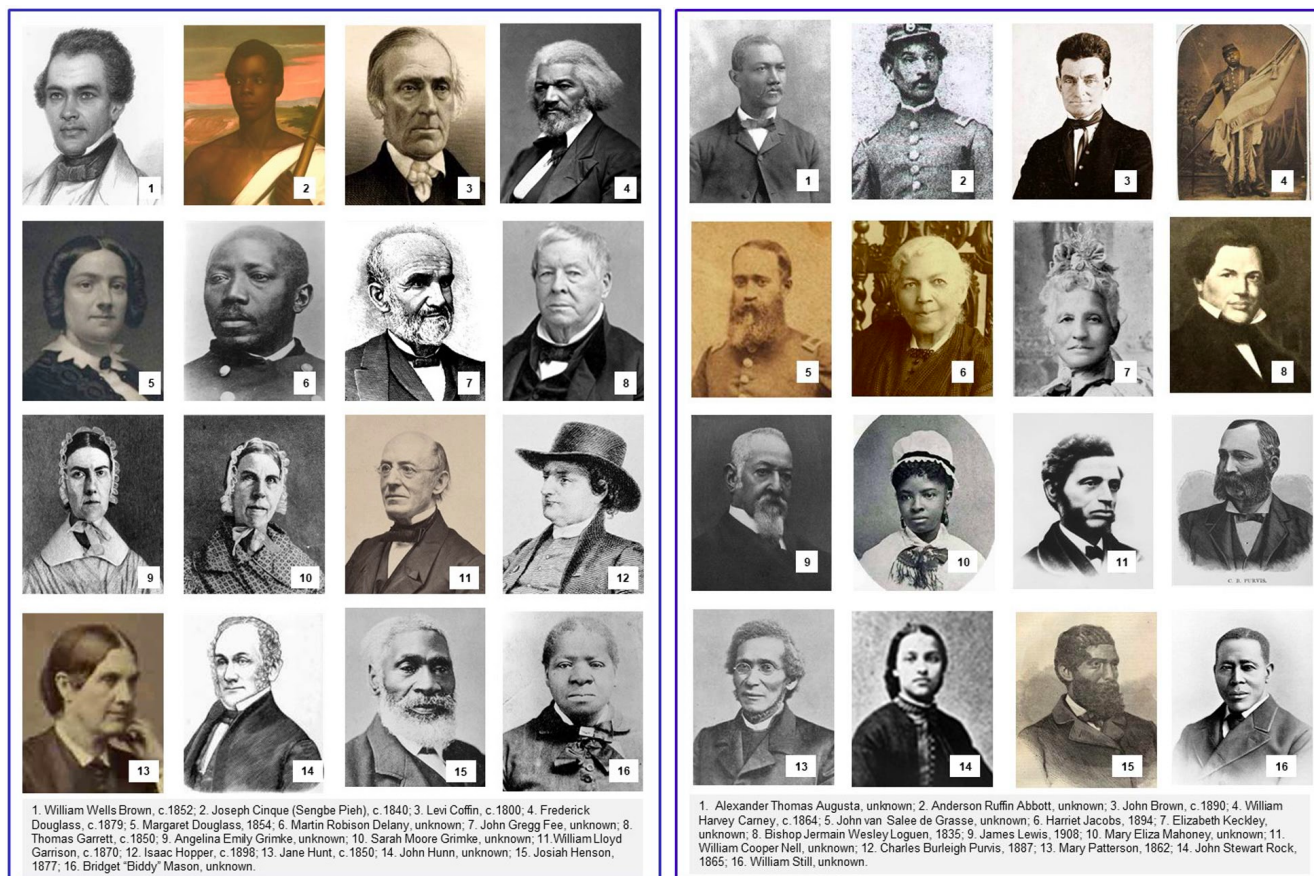


# The United Parish in Brookline

American Baptist • United Church of Christ • United Methodist

*Rooted in the past, Reaching into our future*

*Celebrating United Parish's 50th Anniversary*



*American abolitionist heroes from americansall.org*

October 4, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Feast of Saint Francis

## Gathering Music

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

## Chiming the Trinity

*We call forth God the Creator, Savior and Holy Spirit in musical tones.*

Susan DeSelms  
Minister of Music

## Lighting the Christ Candle

*We invoke the Spirit of Christ among us.*

Kevin and Nathan Shushan

Church School

One: May Christ, the light of the world;

All: Enlighten our hearts with love!

## Opening Hymn

*To You, O God, All Creatures Sing*

New Century Hymnal #17

*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.*

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN



1. To you, O God, all crea-tures sing, and all cre - a - tion, ev - ery-  
2. Your wind that blows the tem - pest by, your clouds that sail a - cross the  
3. Your flow-ing wat - ers crys - tal clear, make mel - o - dies for you to  
4. To you, O God, all crea-tures sing, and all cre - a - tion, ev - ery-



thing, sings your prais - es: al - le - lu - ia! Your burn-ing sun with gold-en  
sky sing your prais - es: al - le - lu - ia! Your morn-ing ris - es with a  
hear, sing your prais - es: al - le - lu - ia! Your fire boun - ti - ful and  
thing, sings your prais - es: al - le - lu - ia! As sa - vory fruit and fra-grant



beam, your sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam sing your prais - es, "Al - le-  
song, Your stars and plan - ets sing a - long: "Al le - lu - ia! Al - le-  
bright, re - mem-ber-ing Your warmth and light, sings your prais - es: "Al - le-  
flow'r lift up Your glo - ry and Your pow'r, we now praise You, loud ly



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!"  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!"  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!"  
praise You! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## Greetings

*We warmly welcome all into our midst.*

Amy Norton and Kent French

*Associate and Senior Pastors*

**Prayer of Confession** *unison — In honor of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, we say his prayer.*

*Together, we confess the ways we have gotten out of step with God  
and seek to re-center ourselves in the Love of God.*

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

**Where we have sown the seeds of hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, let us sow pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we  
are born to eternal life...**

## 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 21:33-46

Anne Auerbach

Church Council

*Stretching into Justice and Missions Giving  
Ministry Teams*

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.*

Missing God's Messengers

Kent French

Senior Pastor

**Sung Response**

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

*For the Faithful Who Have Answered*  
by Sylvia Dunstan, 1986

**New Century Hymnal #384**

TUNE: HYFRYDOL

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many notes beamed together in groups of four or six. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words split across lines. The score consists of nine staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are as follows:

For the faith - ful who have an - swered  
Man - y minds have glimpsed the prom - ise;  
For this cloud of faith - ful wit - ness,  
when they heard your call to serve,  
man - y hearts com - mon have yearned to see;  
for the man - y ways you led them,  
for the souls have heard you and call - ing  
work of peace and jus - tice,  
test - ing will and stretch - ing nerve,  
us to the great - er lib - er - ty.  
for their work and for their wit - ness  
Some have fall - en in the strug - gle;  
For the vis - ion that our home - land  
as they strove a - gainst the odds,  
oth - ers still are press - ing on.  
is your love deep, high, and broad,  
for their cour - age and o - be - dience,  
You are not a - shamed to own us;  
for the dif - ferent roads we trav - el,  
we give thanks and praise, O God.  
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we give thanks and praise, O God.

## Prayers of the People

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

Amy Norton  
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.

**Prayer Response** *Hush, Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name* New Century Hymnal #604  
*We gather with our voices in song.* Traditional Spiritual

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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?

## Offering

*We offer our gifts for God's service and our visitor cards. No gift is too small or too large. All are precious.*

**The Feast of Communion** *liturgy adapted from Maren Tirabassi, gathered from around the world*  
*We remember the last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples, receiving spiritual sustenance and re-membering ourselves as the living body of Christ.*

**Invitation (from Germany)**

*We welcome all to the table, regardless of belief.*

**One:** We rejoice in the God of life, who gives us bread:  
the fruit of the earth worked with human hands.  
and who makes it into the bread of life.

**People:** We rejoice in the God of life  
who gives us wine:  
the fruit of the vine tended with daily care,  
and puts the flavour of the new world into it.

**One:** As the wheat and grapes are joined on this table in bread and wine –  
into a visual symbol for us –

**People:** May our church join together  
into a visual symbol for the entire world.

**Words of Remembering (from Korea) unison**

*Together, we re-member ourselves as the body of Christ.*

**Remember, the Lord, the friend of sinners,  
who were the oppressed, the estranged, the weak, the sick, widow, orphans.  
Remember, the Lord, the one disliking of the common structure and power.  
Remember, the Lord, the one sharing of daily food in life.  
Remember, the Lord, the one liberating from a dictator.  
We remember thy suffering, O Lord, at thy Last Supper.**

**Prayer of Consecration (from Guatemala)**

*We consecrate the elements of communion, celebrating our connection in the Spirit.*

**Sharing of the Meal (from South Africa)**

*Together we share this holy meal, re-membering ourselves as the living body of Christ.*

**One:** The ears of wheat are broken and scattered  
on the hillside to grow.  
Gathered, they are broken again  
and scattered throughout the city to make bread.  
The bread is scattered to each home  
and broken to make nourishment.  
Broken and scattered, broken and scattered,  
and some becomes Christ's body broken for us  
as we are the people of God scattered through the city  
and, perhaps, broken to give nourishment to others.

**People:** We receive this bread, broken, scattered and made whole.  
We drink this cup, thirsty, longing, willing to be poured.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**     *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*We pray in thanksgiving to God*

*for the gifts of communion, forgiveness, and love.*

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.



# Closing Hymn

Together in song, we set our  
intention in leaving this sacred space.

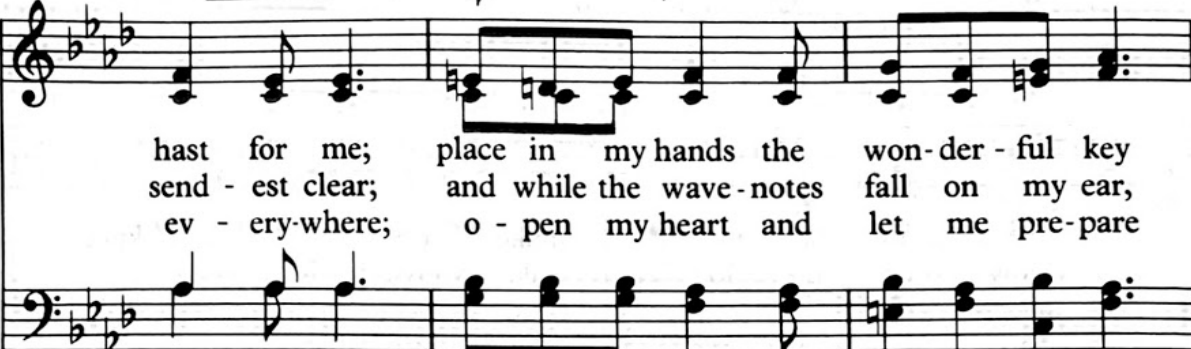
## Open My Eyes

Methodist Hymnal #454

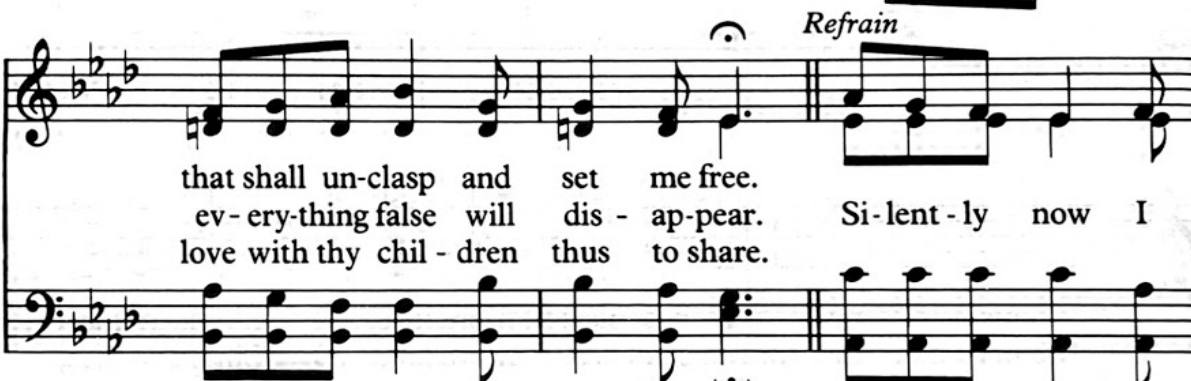
TUNE: OPEN MY EYES



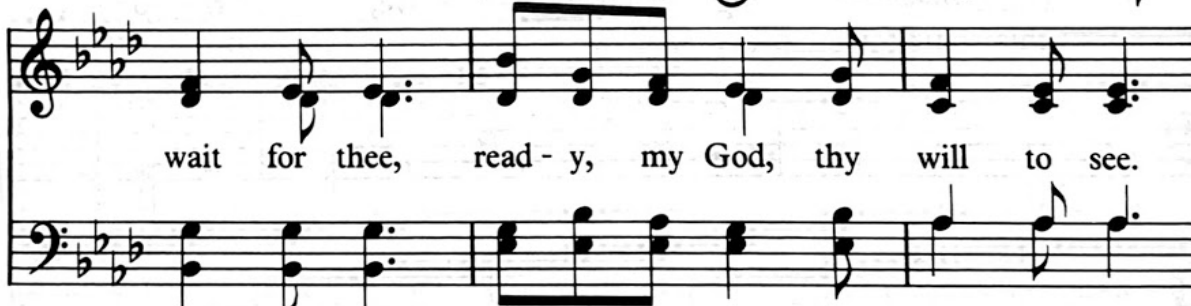
1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou  
2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou  
3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth



hast for me; place in my hands the won-der - ful key  
send - est clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,  
ev - ery-where; o - pen my heart and let me pre-pare



*Refrain*  
that shall un-clasp and set me free.  
ev-ery-thing false will dis - ap-pear. Si-lent - ly now I  
love with thy chil - dren thus to share.



wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.



O - pen my eyes,  
O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
O - pen my heart,

## **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/88047019757?pwd=U1oxaHlZTDc3loTlVUT09>

Meeting ID: 880 4701 9757

Password: 421772

Or call 646-558-8656

Remember to sign up for **all-parish news**:  
contact [office@upbrookline.org](mailto: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  
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Sarah Fitzpatrick  
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Donald Firth  
Jack Lilburn  
Jenna Bergquist  
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