

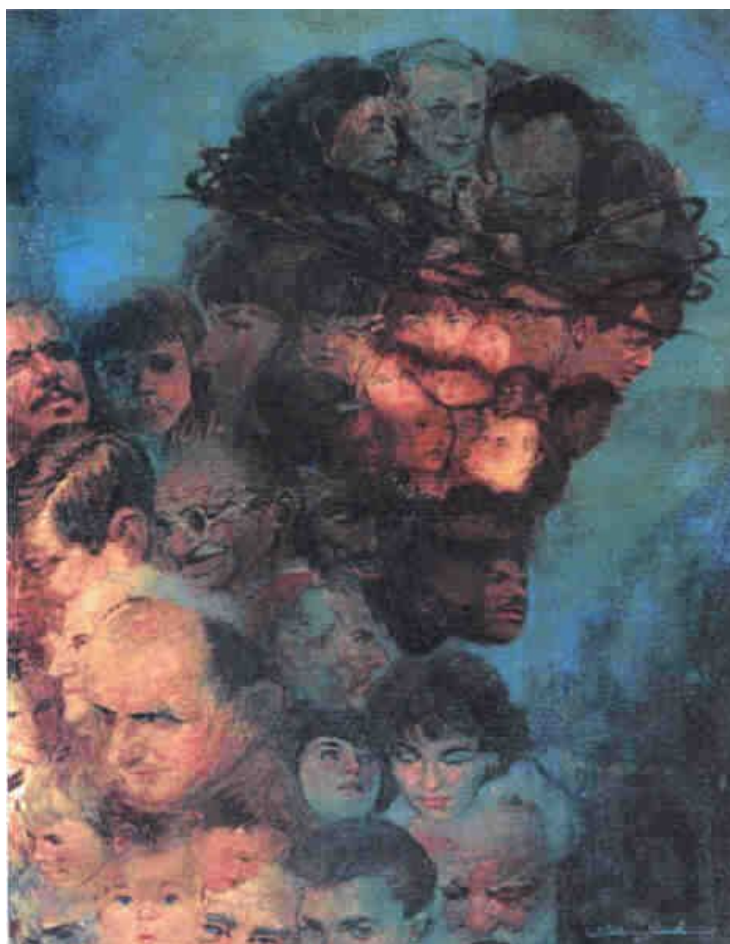


The United Parish in Brookline

American Baptist • United Church of Christ • United Methodist

Rooted in the past, Reaching into our future

Celebrating United Parish's 50th Anniversary



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November 22, 2020

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music

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

What a Wonderful World

by Harold Adamson, Jan Savitt and John Watson

Carolers Choir

2020

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.

Bianca Silverman

Church School Grade 1

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

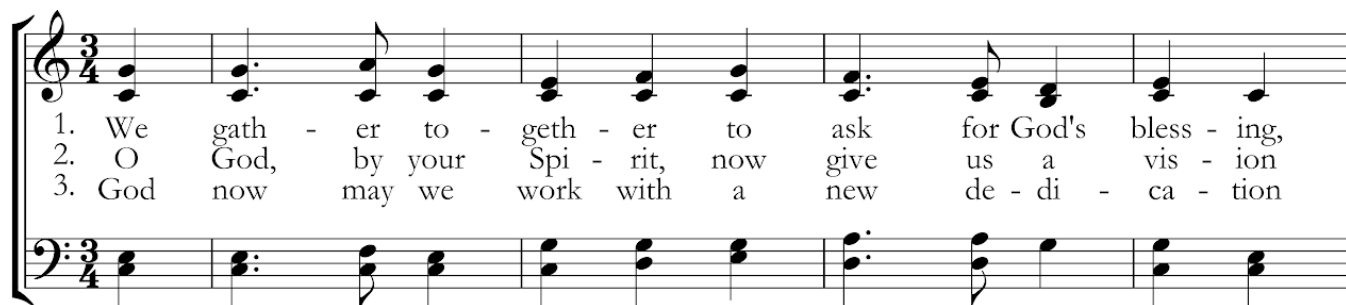
community in a song of praise.

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

We Gather Together

Chancel Choir

TUNE: KREMSER



1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask for God's bless - ing,
2. O God, by your Spi - rit, now give us a vis - ion
3. God now may we work with a new de - di - ca - tion



to live in com - mu - ni - ty, seek - ing God's will.
of life in your kin - dom through Je - sus your Son
for jus - tice, e - qual - i - ty, free - dom and peace,



We come now, as sib - lings, to - geth - er con - fess - ing,
Where back - ground and cul - ture won't lead to di - vis - ion,
Un - til we are called to your great cel - e - bra - tion



the sins that di - vide and the wrong in us still.
and all will feel wel - comed and all will be done.
and share at your ta - ble in your ban - quet feast.

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.

Turn the World Around
by Harry Belafonte

Children and Youth
Epiphany Term 2019

Reading from the Gospel

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

Matthew 25:31-46

Tim Lehmberg
Exalting 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.

Amy Norton

Associate Pastor

Sung Response

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

Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race

words by Ruth Duck
Traditional English Melody

Chancel Choir

TUNE: O WALY WALY

1. Di - verse in cul - ture, na - tion, race, we come to -
2. God, let us be a bridge of care con - nect - ing
3. When cha - sms wid - en, storms a - rise, O Ho - ly
4. God, let us be a tab - le spread with gifts of

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geth - er by your grace. God, let us be a meet ing_
peo - ple ev - 'ry - where. Help us con - front all fear and
Spir - it, make us wise. Let our re - solve, like steel, be_
love and bro - ken bread, where all find wel - come, grace at -

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ground where hope and heal - ing love are found.
hate and lust for pow'r that sep - a - rate.
strong to stand with those who suf - fer wrong.
tends, and en - e - mies a - rise as friends.

Prayers of the People

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

Katharine Henry

Seminarian

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.

Priya Devavaram and Melanie Chernin
High School Church School Class

Doxology

*We rejoin our voices
in thanksgiving.*

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN



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.*

Let There be Peace on Earth
by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Chancel Choir
TUNE: WORLD PEACE

*Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be*

*Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow*

*With God, our Creator
family all are we
Let us walk with each other
in perfect harmony.*

*To take each moment
and live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me!*

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.

Benediction Response

We transition out of our sacred time together.

We Praise Our God

Luke Molloy
Tower Bells

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

www.bit.ly/upcoffeehour

Meeting ID: 892 3031 1301

Password: 340421

Or call 646-558-8656

Many thanks to Josh Artman,
our guest online worship editor this week.

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
Nursery Supervisor
Building Usage Coordinator
Pastor Emerita

The People of the United Parish

Kent French
Amy Norton
Susan DeSelms
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