



UNITED PARISH IN BROOKLINE

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Butterflies have long been a symbol of the Resurrection, demonstrating the transformation from the tomb of the cocoon to the lightness and beauty of a new life of colorful flight. (Butterfly Spin Painting, by Damien Hirst, 2009, damienhirst.com)

Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

PRELUDE

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

Trombosto
Matt Wan, *alto trombone*
Christian Howard, *tenor trombone*
Byul Yoo, *tenor trombone*
Ziwei Li, *bass trombone*
Bethany Lynch, *dancer*
Jack Lilburn, *film editor*
Meghan Hogdon, *videographer*

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

** means we invite you to rise in body and spirit.*

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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We lift our voices, bodies, minds and spirits as a community in a song of praise.

EASTER HYMN

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

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

EASTER ACCLAMATION

We celebrate the arrival of Easter, the Day of Christ's Resurrection.

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

GREETINGS

We warmly welcome all into our midst.

Senior and Associate Pastors

Kent French and Amy Norton

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All: **And also with you.**

CENTERING PRAYER *in unison*

We center ourselves in the awareness of God's presence.

**God of Love,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid:**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PSALM

Psalm 118, selected verses

Jim DeSelms, cantor

We set our intention for worship by hearing the words of the Psalmist, and responding together in song.

Psalm will appear on screen.

The cantor will sing the Response (R) the first time alone; please join singing at home the second time

Response Antiphon: Carolyn Jennings, 1994

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The righ - teous shall en - ter the gate of God.

(Selection for Easter Sunday)

R

¹O give thanks to God, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

²Let all Israel say, "God's steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁴God is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation.

¹⁵There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The strong hand of God does valiantly;

¹⁶the mighty hand of God is exalted; the strong hand of God does valiantly."

R

R

¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of God.

¹⁸God has punished me severely, but God did not give me over to death.

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to God.

²⁰This is the gate of God; the righteous shall enter through it.

R

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is God's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. R

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 PARDON** *We receive the Good News that we are loved, forgiven and renewed in God's presence.*

***THE PEACE** *We share the 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

Return Again

Ania Kokocinski
Recorded March 2020

*Return again, return again,
Return to the land of your soul. (repeat)*

*Return again, return again,
Return to the land of your soul.*

*Return to who you are,
Return to what you are,
Return to where you are born and reborn again*

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Amy Norton

We reflect together on the correspondence of the early Christians.

Associate Pastor

One: For the Word of God in scripture,
 For the Word of God in Spirit,
 For the Word of God among us;

All: Thanks be to God!

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

In the Garden
 by C. Austin Miles

Micah DeSelms, *guitar and cello***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Matthew 28:1-15, Mark 16:1-20

Edwin Ortiz, Melanie Chernin

*We reflect together on these words
 from the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.*

Luke 24:1-12, John 20:1-18

Luke Patmon, Sthuthi David

[Lee Loechler](#), *film editor*

One: For the Good News of Jesus Christ,
 according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John;

All: Thanks be to God!

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

Kent French

Senior Pastor

ANTHEM

*We reflect on the message through
 poetry and song*

In the Bulb There is a Flower
 by Natalie Sleeth

Carolers Choir

Seanna McGraw, *soloist*David Rockwell & Alicia Hsu, *Co-Directors*

Recorded May 2012

*In the bulb there is a flower;
 in the seed, an apple tree;
 in cocoons, a hidden promise:
 butterflies will soon be free!
 In the cold and snow of winter
 there's a spring that waits to be,
 unrevealed until its season,
 something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning;
 in our time, infinity;
 in our doubt there is believing;
 in our life, eternity.
 In our death, a resurrection;
 at the last, a victory,
 unrevealed until its season,
 something God alone can see.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Amy Norton and Jaz Buchanan

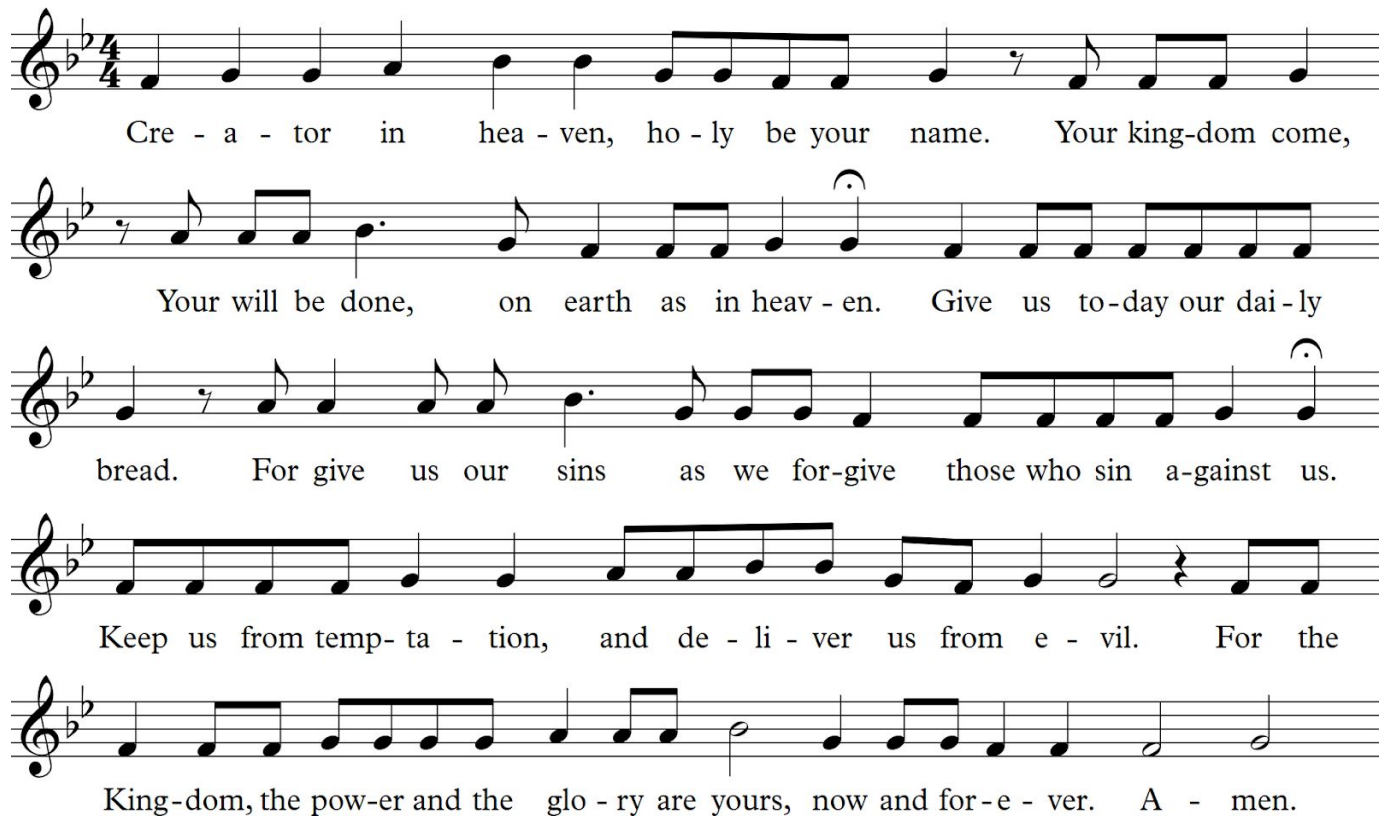
Associate Pastor and Seminarian

One: O God, hear our prayer;

All: And guide us in your love.

LORD'S PRAYER *We say together the prayer Jesus taught us.
We invite you to use your chosen words for Creator, singing instead:
Our Father, Our Mother, Sustainer, Redeemer...*

Taizé Chant
Chancel Choir, 2020
Recorded collaboratively from home



Cre - a - tor in hea - ven, ho - ly be your name. Your king - dom come,
Your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly
bread. For give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Keep us from temp - ta - tion, and de - li - ver us from e - vil. For the
King - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - e - ver. A - men.

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.

Jaz Buchanan
Seminarian

Offertory Anthem
*We offer our gifts as musicians offer
songs of praise and thanksgiving.*

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Chancel Choir and
Members of Temple Shir Tikva, Wayland
Merle Perkins, soloist
Recorded February 2017

*Time is filled with swift transition,
Naught of earth unmoved can stand,
Build your hopes on things eternal,
Hold to God's unchanging hand.*

*Trust in God who will not leave you,
Whatsoever years may bring,
If by earthly friends forsaken
Still more closely to God cling.*

Refrain:

*Hold to God's unchanging hand,
Hold to God's unchanging hand;
Build your hopes on things eternal,
Hold to God's unchanging hand.*

***Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

We re-join our voices in thanksgiving.

Bethany Lynch, dancer

Buildings & Grounds Ministry Team

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***Prayer of Dedication** *We ask God's blessing over the gifts.*

Jaz Buchanan

***CLOSING HYMN**

Easter People Raise Your Voices

REGENT SQUARE

*Together in song, we set our intention leaving this sacred space.
We invite you to sing, speak or silently read the words together.*



1. Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heav'n in earth should ring.
2. Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur - rec - tion song.



Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es; heav'n-ly mu - sic, let it ring.
When in trou - ble move the fas - ter to our God who rights the wrong.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! See the pow'r of heav'n-ly throngs.

***BENEDICTION** *We receive a blessing as we prepare to depart this sacred gathering.*

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

My Peace I Give Unto You

Carolers

The children's choir continues the prayer with singing.

Recorded February 2015

POSTLUDE

Achieved is the Glorious Work, from The Creation

Trombosto

We transition out of our sacred time together.

by Franz Joseph Haydn

Please see further announcements on the next page.

Many thanks to Jack Lilburn for generously editing today's online worship,
to Meghan Hogdon and Paul Rodine for videography,
and Lee Loechler and Bethany Lynch for film editing.
Thank you to today's Tower Bell Ringer, Julie Anderson.

Please join us for **Virtual Coffee Hour** on Zoom.
<https://zoom.us/j/294563720?pwd=Yk5XdFNNVk5DdHdUZnBoT2g1NWFXZz09>
Meeting ID: 294 563 720
Password: 155932

Come pick up **Easter flowers**, 1-3pm, on the front lawn of the church, 1-3pm.
Donations will benefit our Missions Giving Ministry.

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 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>

EASTER LILIES AND FLOWERS

Donated By

In Memory or in Honor of

Pat Howkinson

In memory of Loved Ones

Paul and Roberto
Lauro-Priestly

In memory of Joyce Priestly, Lepha Pickford, Vena Pickford, and
Marcus and Louise Pickford
In honor of Vena, Calvin, Geovanni, Armani, Anorah and
Amyrah, our dear friend Linda Percy, the Lauro and
Travaglione Family, and Michael and Rebekah Garabito

Betty Lindsay

In memory of Lionel O. Lindsay Jr. and
Edwin and Ethel Lowell

Lissa Olbeter

In honor of Dynamic Global Dames

Christina Rawinski

In honor of Mary, Mike and the McConnell
Family, and all of my friends at United Parish

Sam and Stella Trumble

In memory of Earl Smith

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 and mental ability, ethnicity and 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 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.

*We ask that you silence all electronic devices.
Please see an usher if you would like a hearing assistive device.*

*Because our building is open to the public,
an adult should accompany children if/when they leave the worship service.*

Ministers
Senior Pastor
Associate Pastor
Seminarian
Minister of Music
Assistant Music Director
Communications and Office Administrator
Building Usage Coordinator
Accounting Administrator
Nursery Supervisor
Pastor Emerita

The People of the United Parish
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Susan DeSelms
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