



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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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Adventures in Faith: Becoming a Musical Activist

Gathering Music

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

Aria

by Johann Sebastian Bach

Emely Phelps

Piano

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.

Amalia Rodine

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.

Ezekul Saw de Wheel

arranged by William L. Dawson

VOICES 21C

Ezekul saw de wheel, 'Way up in de mid'l of de air,

Ezekul saw de wheel, Way in de middle of de air.

De big wheel run by faith, an' de lit'l' wheel run by de grace of God,

A lit'l' wheel in a wheel,

Way in de middle of de air.

Better mind my brother how you walk on de cross,

Your foot might slip, an' yer soul get lost,

Ole Satan wears a club foot shoe,

If you don' mind he'll slip it on you.

Some go to church for to sing an' shout, Hallelu-, Hallelu-, Hallelujah!

Befo' six months dey's all turn'd out.

Greetings

We warmly welcome all into our midst.

Kent French and Amy Norton

Senior and Associate Pastors

Anthem

*We prepare for confession
with music and poetry.*

Adinu

by Shireen Abu-Khader and Andre de Quadros

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I follow the religion of love

Wherever love is found

For love is my religion and my faith

Holy, holy, holy

You are the lord God

Heaven and Earth

Are full of your great glory

Almighty God, of great dignity

Our Creator, I ask you to be merciful on all

I come to You, the revealer of all obstacles

Hoping for your approval as I have none but you

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.

Peace Response

We gather with our voices in song.

Everybody's Got a Right to Live
words by Frederick Douglass
music by Kirk Patrick and Jimmy Collier

VOICES 21C

*Everybody's got a right to live. Everybody's got a right to live.
And before this campaign fails, we'll all go down to jail.
Everybody's got a right to live.*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 101

We reflect together on this ancient song of our faithful forebears.

Carolyn Johnson

Endowment Ministry Team

Acolyte Coordinator

One: The Song of God for the people of God;
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sung Response

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

Ellie's Song

by Bernice Johnson Reagon

VOICES 21C

*Until the killing of black men, black mothers' sons,
is as important as the killing of white men, white mothers' sons,
We who believe in freedom cannot rest.
We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes.
To me young people come first, they have the courage where we fail
And if I can but shed some light as they carry us through the gale.
The older I get the better I know that the secret of my going on
Is when the reins are in the hands of the young,
who dare to run against the storm.
Struggling myself don't mean a whole lot, I've come to realize
That teaching others to stand up and fight is the only way our struggle survives,
I'm a woman who speaks in a voice and I must be heard.
At times I can be quite difficult, I'll bow to no man's word.
We who believe in freedom cannot rest.
We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes.*

Reading from the Prophets

Isaiah 61:1-3

We reflect together on these words from the truth-tellers of ancient Israel.

Conversation

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

Kent French, Senior Pastor

André de Quadros, Director, VOICES 21C,

Professor of Music, Boston University

Musical Response

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

The Listening by Cheryl Engelhardt

VOICES 21C

*Violence! Silence! Silence! Violence! Time!
Time has come for us to move on.
We must move on. There is a new spirit rising.
I turn my back when I hold my tongue
I cannot be silent.
I cannot stand by and leave these words
unsung.
I cannot be silent.
Trust and praise is reason to make better
choices.
But it's our duty to speak for the voiceless.
We must hear their broken cries.
It starts with listening.
This is the re-creation of the listening...
Interruption, oppression, suppression,
exploitation, violence, control, hypocrisy...
Somehow, this madness must stop.
To be on the right side of the revolution
means it's time we shift our view of peace
so we can alter our evolution.*

*War is not the way.
Can we be tranquil and somewhat tame, rational
while we stay sane?
Solve the problem with a solution thereof.
That being unconditional love?
Love.
Not as a weak condition.
But as the key for the ignition of peace.
The time is now.
There is a new spirit rising.
We must act in the face of risk.
We must choose to transform,
and we need to be brisk.
I cannot be silent. I will not be silent.
It is time to close the gap,
and stop the distancing, stop inhibiting,
stop what we are witnessing.
It's time to break the silence with the listening.*

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 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 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.

Anne Auerbach
Church Council
Missions Giving Ministry Team

Doxology

*We rejoin our voices
in thanksgiving.*

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

Penelope and Susan DeSelms
Song Leaders

*We thank you, God,
For this precious day:
The Creator's care,
Christ's love to share,*

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For this precious day:
The Creator's care,
Christ's love to share,*

*For the Spirit here,
Bringing Kin-dom near.
We thank you, God,
For this precious day.*

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Bringing Kin-dom near.
We thank you, God
For this precious day.*

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.*

*I'm Gonna Walk it With You
by Brian Claflin and Ellie Grace
arranged by Cheryl B. Engelhardt*

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*Well it looks like it might be a long road but I'm gonna walk it with you.
And I know you might have a heavy load but I can carry some too.
I will lift you up when they push you down,
I will raise my voice and stand my ground,*

*Well it looks like it might be a long road but I'm gonna walk it with you.
Well it looks like it might be a long night but I ain't goin' nowhere.
And I know it's gonna be a hard fight but I will stay right here.
I will shine a light in the darkest hour,
I will face the man in the tallest tower.*

*Well it looks like it might be a long night but I ain't goin' nowhere.
I will work! I will fight! I will strive in the name of love! I will speak! I will shout! I will sing it to
the skies above!*

*Well it looks like it might be a long road but I'm gonna walk it with you.
And I know you might have a heavy load but I can carry some too.
I will lift you up when they push you down,
I will raise my voice and stand my ground,
Well it looks like it might be a long road but I'm gonna walk it with you.*

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

Adinu - reprise

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We transition out of our sacred time together.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861565234?pwd=MCtXTmREbi9RSDVRMEtwR2pSanZLQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 6156 5234

Password: 363877

Or call 646-558-8656

Bible Study on today's text at 10:30am on Zoom.

Contact biblestudy@upbrookline.org to join.

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
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David Dunphy
Helen Hassinger
Donald Firth
Jack Lilburn
Jenna Bergquist
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