



# 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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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Adventures in Faith:

Seeing Those Strange to Us as Children of God

## Gathering Music

*We transition into our  
sacred time together.*

*Tell me, where is the road  
I can call my own,  
That I left, that I lost  
So long ago?  
All these years I have wandered,  
Oh when will I know  
There's a way, there's a road  
That will lead me home?*

*The Road Home  
by Stephen Paulus*

*After wind, after rain,  
When the dark is done,  
As I wake from a dream  
In the gold of day,  
Through the air there's a calling  
From far away,  
There's a voice I can hear  
That will lead me home.*

*Chancel Choir  
with VOICES 21C*

*André de Quadros, conductor*

*Rise up, follow me,  
Come away, is the call,  
With the love in your heart  
As the only song;  
There is no such beauty  
As where you belong;  
Rise up, follow me,  
I will lead you home.*

## 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

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.*

### *God of the Sparrow*

by Carl Schalk

TUNE: ROEDER

Micah DeSelms, guitar, cello and bass

Helen Hassinger, violin

Jim DeSelms, song leader



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| 1. God of the spar - row, God of the whale,  | God of the swirl - ing stars_____ |
| 2. God of the earth - quake God of the storm | God of the trum - pet blast_____  |
| 3. God of the rain - bow God of the cross    | God of the emp - ty grave_____    |
| 4. God of the hun - gry God of the sick      | God of the pro - di - gal_____    |
| 5. God of the neigh - bor God of the foe     | God of the prun - ing hook_____   |



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| How does the crea-ture say | Awe_____   | How does the crea-ture say | Praise_____ |
| How does the crea-ture cry | Woe_____   | How does the crea-ture cry | Save_____   |
| How does the crea-ture say | Grace_____ | How does the crea-ture say | Thanks_____ |
| How does the crea-ture say | Care_____  | How does the crea-ture say | Life_____   |
| How does the crea-ture say | Love_____  | How does the crea-ture say | Peace_____  |

6. *God of the ages, God near at hand,  
God of the loving heart,  
How do your children say Joy?  
How do your children say Home?*

## Greetings

*We warmly welcome all into our midst.*

Kent French

Senior Pastor

## **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.*

*The Storm is Passing Over*

by Charles Tindley,  
arranged by Barbara Baker

Youth Choir, 2008

*Have courage, my soul, and let us journey on.  
The night is young, and I am far from home.  
Thanks be to God, the morning light appears.  
The storm is passing over, hallelujah.*

## Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 86:1-12

Pat Howkinson

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

*Hearts and Hands, Chancel Choir  
Exalting in Worship Ministry Team*

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

## Anthem

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

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
arranged by Mack Wilberg  
based on Psalm 23

Chancel Choir

*My Shepherd will supply my need:  
Jehovah is His Name;  
In pastures fresh  
He makes me feed  
Beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back  
When I forsake His ways.  
And leads me, for His mercy's sake  
In paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through  
the shades of death,  
Thy presence is my stay;  
A word of Thy supporting breath  
Drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,  
Doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows,  
Thine oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God  
Attend me all my days;  
O may Thy house be my abode  
And all my work be praise!  
There would I find a settled rest  
While others go and come;  
No more a stranger, nor a guest,  
But like a child at home.*

## Reading from the Epistles

Galatians 3:23-29

*We reflect together on this correspondence of the early Church.*

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!**

## Homily

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

Right There!

Paul Quackenbush  
Stewardship and Budget Ministry Team  
Growing Grandparents

## Musical Response

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

*Bridge Over Troubled Water*  
by Paul Simon

Josaphat Contreras &  
Trey Pratt  
Current & Former Assistant Music Directors

*When you're weary, feeling small  
When tears are in your eyes,  
I will dry them all  
I'm on your side, oh, when times  
get rough  
And friends just can't be found  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will lay me down  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will lay me down*

*When you're down and out  
When you're on the street  
When evening falls so hard  
I will comfort you  
I'll take your part, oh,  
when darkness comes  
And pain is all around  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will lay me down  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will lay me down*

*Sail on silver girl  
Sail on by  
Your time has come to shine  
All your dreams are on their way  
See how they shine  
Oh, if you need a friend  
I'm sailing right behind  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will ease your mind  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will ease your mind*

## Prayers of the People

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

Cathy Quackenbush  
Human Relations Ministry Team  
Member-in-Discernment Team  
Growing Grandparents

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.*

Justin Aier

## Doxology

*We rejoin our voices  
in thanksgiving.*

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

Susan DeSelms  
Song Leader

*We thank you, God,  
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.*

***Al-le-lu-ia....***

***We thank you, God,  
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.***

## 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.*

## Carry Your Candle

by Chris Rice

Children and Youth, 2019

Penelope DeSelms, Theodora Rodine,  
Abigail Bose-Gupta, soloists

Please join in singing all refrains, printed in bold.

1. *There is a candle in every soul  
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold  
There is a Spirit who brings a fire  
Ignites a candle and makes a home*

***So carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle, and go light your world,  
Take your candle, and go light your world***

2. *Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to  
Light his own candle some other way  
See now your sister,  
she's been robbed and lied to  
Still holds a candle without a flame*

***So carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle, and go light your world,  
Take your candle, and go light your world***

3. *We are a family whose hearts are blazing  
Let's raise our candles and light up the sky  
Pray-ing to GOD, in the name of Jesus  
Make us a beacon in darkest times*

***So carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle, and go light your world,  
Take your candle, and go light your world***

## Holy Business

*We share news of God's work in our community's activities.*

## Blessing for Bob and Kathy Phenix, 44-year members

*We offer our blessing for long-time members moving away.*

## Postlude

*We transition*

*out of our sacred time together.*

## Cantabile

by Judy Phillips

UP Ringers

***Dedicated to Bob Phenix,  
with tremendous gratitude  
for his many years of service to the handbell ministry of the United Parish.***

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81054362815?pwd=MUFiUDV1RXk1OGYvQW9lNnYrZVRLUT09>

Meeting ID: 810 5436 2815

Password: 204324

Or call 646-558-8656

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

Contact [biblestudy@upbrookline.org](mailto:biblestudy@upbrookline.org) to join.

Remember to sign up for all-parish news:

contact [office@upbrookline.org](mailto:office@upbrookline.org) to join the mailing list.

# 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  
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Sarah Fitzpatrick  
David Dunphy  
Helen Hassinger  
Donald Firth  
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