

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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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Beyond Stereotypes

Gathering Music

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

Susan DeSelms
Minister of Music

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

One: May Christ, the light of the world;
All: Enlighten our hearts with love!

Opening Hymn

O For a World

New Century Hymnal #575

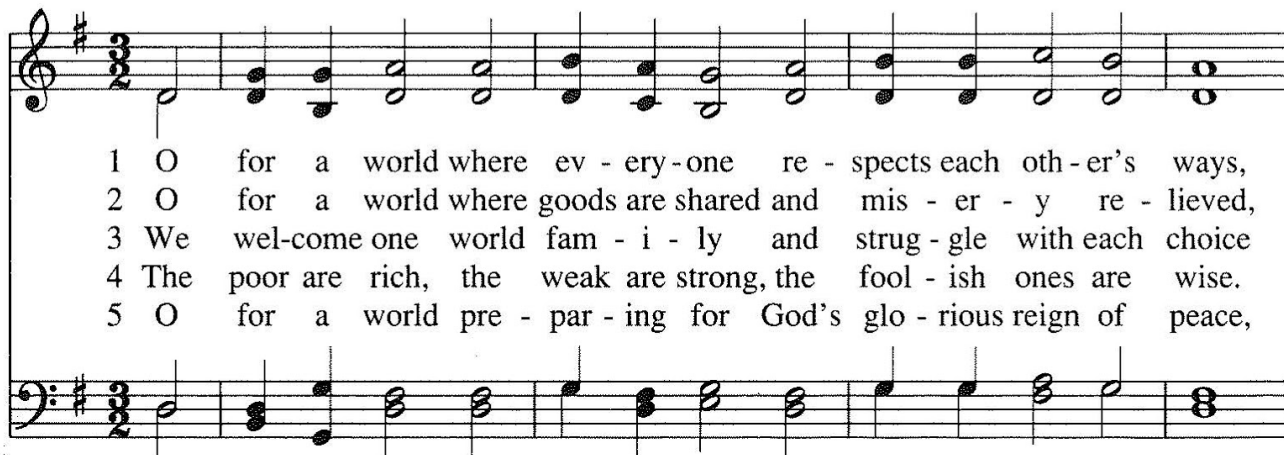
TUNE: AZMON

We lift our voices, bodies,

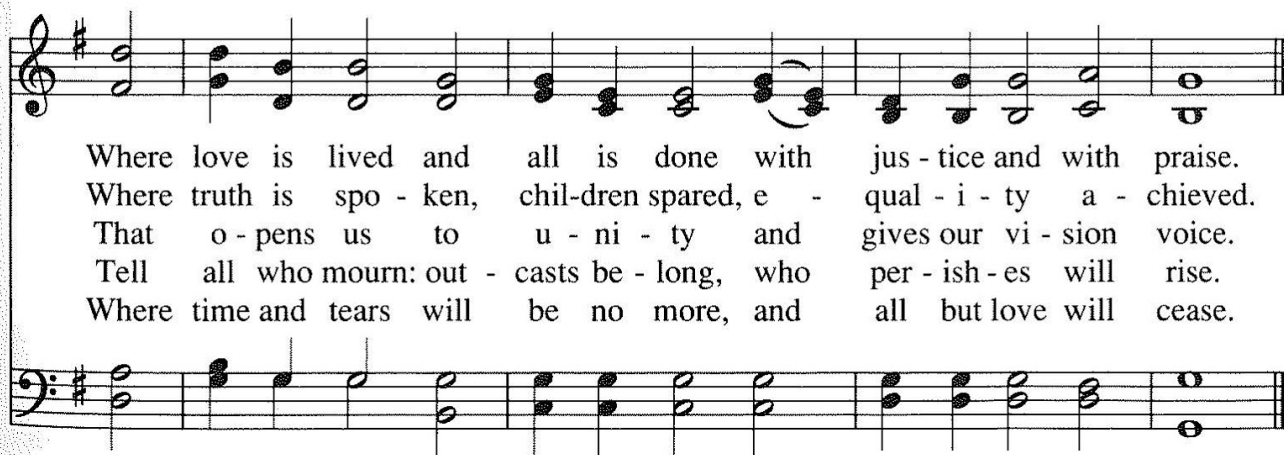
minds and spirits as a

community in a song of praise.

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



1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

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,
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

Honey in the Rock

We gather with our voices in song. Traditional Spiritual, arranged by Nick Page

**Refrain: *There's honey in the rock for all God's children, honey in the rock, honey in the rock*
*There's honey in the rock for all God's children; Feed every child of God. (2x)***

*Hypocrite, hypocrite, God despise: **Feed every child of God***
*Tongues so clean, but he still tells lies: **Feed every child of God***
*We can have justice if we care: **Feed every child of God***
*Right is right and fair is fair: **Feed every child of God. (Refrain 1x)***

Reading from the Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

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

Sean Cady
Chancel Choir

One: For the Good News of Jesus Christ;
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Homily

Beyond Stereotypes

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

Kent French
Senior Pastor


Sung Response

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

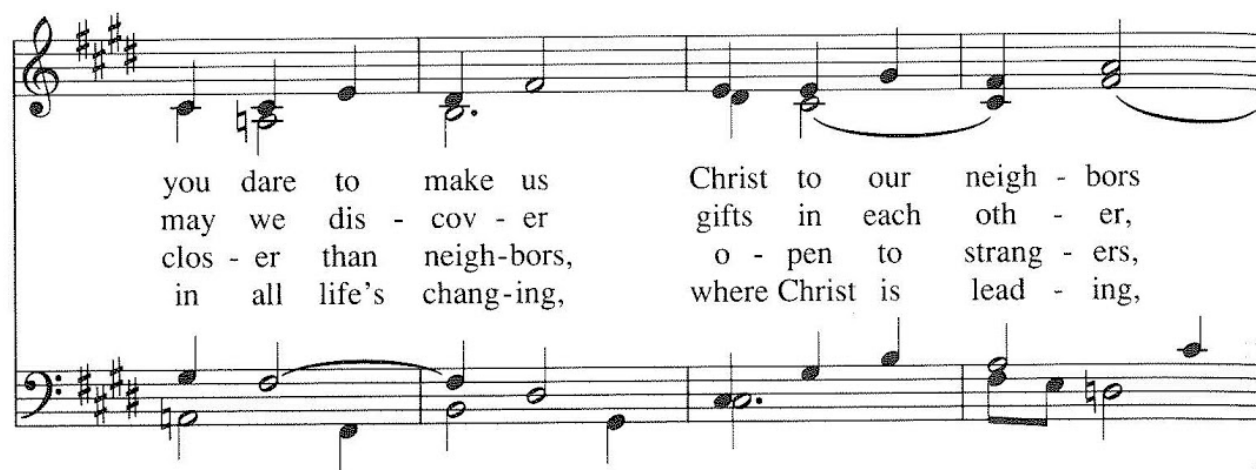
We Are Your People

New Century Hymnal #309

TUNE: WHITFIELD



1 We are your peo - ple: Spir - it of grace,
2 Joined in com - mu - ni - ty, trea - sured and fed,
3 Rich in di - ver - si - ty, help us to live
4 Glad of tra - di - tion, help us to see



you dare to make us Christ to our neigh - bors
may we dis - cov - er gifts in each oth - er,
clos - er than neigh-bors, o - pen to strang - ers,
in all life's chang-ing, where Christ is lead - ing,



of ev - ery cul - ture and place.
will - ing to lead and be led.
a - ble to clash and for - give.
where our best ef - forts should be.

Prayers of the People

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

Koinonia Martin-Page
Drop-In Bible Study Leader

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.

Sung Response

*We continue our prayers
in poetry and song.*

This is My Song

New Century Hymnal #591

TUNE: FINLANDIA

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Bass, in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with two verses indicated by numbers 1 and 2. The first verse ends with a double bar line, and the second verse begins with a new line of music. The score is divided into two systems, each with a treble and bass staff.

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun-light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

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.


Michael McKeown

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*We rejoin our voices
in thanksgiving.*



Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus 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

Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers

New Century Hymnal #397

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

TUNE: BEACH SPRING

*Thank our God for sisters, brothers, one by grace, in harmony,
Joining heart to heart with others, making strong community,
With the cross of Christ our standard, let us sing as with one voice,
Glory, glory, yours the promise: we who are the church rejoice.*

*Praise to God for congregations, keeping faith with Christ as guide;
Many tongues of many nations, song and service unified,
Sweet the psalm and sweet the carol, when our song is raised as one.
Glory, glory, yours the power, as in heaven your will be done.*

*Holy is your name forever! Heal divisions that remain;
Bless the church's new endeavors; make our witness one again.
One in Christ and in Christ's gospel, make us one we now implore.
Glory, glory, yours the glory, then and now and evermore.*

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/85649634230?pwd=SDBtUlFGWk1ybUtSdG1TUXRZY3hldzO9>

Meeting ID: 856 4963 4230

Password: 544243

Or call 646-558-8656

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
Multimedia Producer
Nursery Supervisor
Building Usage Coordinator
Pastor Emerita

The People of the United Parish

Kent French
Amy Norton
Susan DeSelms
Katharine Henry
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Donald Firth
Jack Lilburn
Jenna Bergquist
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