



The United Parish in Brookline

American Baptist • United Church of Christ • United Methodist



Temple Shir Tikva and United Parish choir collaborations through the years.

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Imagine Together: Enough for All

Nursery care is available for all children up to age 5. Our professional caregivers provide activities, crafts, snacks, and a scripture-based curriculum. The nursery is upstairs in Room 203.

Families with children under 5 wishing to remain together in the Sanctuary are invited to explore our Playground to the right of the worship platform. There is also a Family Room across the hall from the Playground for those who would like a quiet place to rock or nurse.

We apologize for the inconvenience while our hearing devices are out of order.
We are in the process of replacing them.



Scan the QR code to the right to fill out a visitor card, contribute to our offering, and more!

Gathering Music

Improvisation on Songs of Pesach

Susan DeSelms
Minister of Music

***Chiming of the Trinity**

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

*Opening Hymn

Morning Has Broken
by Eleanor Farjeon

All Sing
TUNE: BUNESSAN

C Am Dm G F C

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

Musical notation for the first system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics.

Am Em/G F Em Dm G

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!

Musical notation for the second system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics.

C F C Am Dm/F

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Musical notation for the third system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics.

D7/F# C/G F G7 C

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Musical notation for the fourth system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics.

*Greetings

Kent French and Amy Norton
Senior and Associate Pastors

*My beloved is mine and I am my beloved's.
The Shepherd grazes his flock among the lilies.
Who is this, rising up from the desert?
Who is she, rising up?
Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense.*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Adapted from a prayer by the Reverend Amber Neuroth

**Holy Creator and Source of Life,
We find it hard to believe that You have given us all that we need.
Fear of scarcity rules our hearts
and constricts our imaginations.
Show us that there really is enough for every table.
Help us to trust in the goodness of your creation,
so that we may share in stewardship of all you have made...**

Silent Confession

We take up to one minute to pray our own private confessions in silence.

One: O God, in your compassion;
All: Hear our prayer.

***Assurance of Grace**

***The Peace of Christ**

One: The Peace of Christ and the Love of God be with you always;
All: And also with you.

***Sung Response**

*I Thank You For My Life Body and Soul (Yasher Atzar) Cantor Hollis Schachner
by Dan Nichols Song Leader*

**(Woah--- Woah--- Woah--- Woah---)
I thank You for my life, body and soul
Help me realize I am beautiful and whole
I'm perfect the way I am and a little broken too
I will live each day as a gift I give to You
(Woah--- Woah--- Woah--- Woah---)**

*Baruch atah, Adonai rofei chol basar umafla laasot.
Praise to You, Adonai our God, who heals all flesh, working wondrously.*

One: The wisdom of God for the people of God;

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Reflection

Rabbi Danny Burkeman
Temple Shir Tikva

Musical Response

Love Will Rise Again
by Mark A. Miller

Joint Choirs

*I won't give up on you. Don't give up on me.
I won't give up on all that seems so out of reach.
I believe in love. I believe in you.
We'll hold each other to the light, and we will see this through.*

*As the sun rises, so will love.
Voices are rising, so will love.*

*We will never give up. We will overcome.
We will remember all the good we thought was gone.
We believe in love. We believe in truth.
We'll hold each other to the light, and we will see this through.*

Given the chance our love will rise.

*I believe in forgiveness, and I won't stop giving.
I'll sing of all the things that make our lives worth living.
We will sing through loss. We will sing through the pain.
We'll hold each other through the night, and love will rise!*

*We will sing Hallelujah! We will shout for joy!
We'll sing of all that fear and hate cannot destroy.
We will sing through loss. We will sing through the pain.
We'll hold each other through our tears, and love will rise again!*

Prayers of the People

Amy Norton

One: O God, hear our prayer;

All: **And guide us in your love.**

Lord's Prayer

We invite you to use whatever word for God you choose: Mother, Father, 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.

Prayer Response

Let There Be Love
by Noah Aronson, Jodi Sufrin, Dan Singer

Cantor Hollis Schachner
Song Leader

*Let there be love and understanding among us.
Let peace and friendship be our shelter from life's storm. (repeat)*

Hashkiveinu, Adonai Eloheinu, Hashkiveinu, l'shalom. (repeat)
Grant, O God, that we lie down in peace.

Offering Invitation

No gift is too small or too large; all are precious.

Ways to contribute:

1. Place cash, check, or visitor card in the offering plate.
2. Scan the QR code at right.
3. Through Venmo (@unitedparishinbrookline), Paypal (paypal.me/unitedparish), Realm (internal directory/database), or at unitedparishbrookline.org/give.



Offertory Music

Et Dodim Kala
Traditional Folk Melody

Joint Choirs

*Et dodim kallah
boi lgani
Pa'cha hagefen
heinetzu rimonim*

*The time for love has come, my bride:
come into my garden.
The vine is blooming,
The pomegranate is budding.*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

All Sing

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.

***Closing Hymn**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

New Century Hymnal #4

TUNE: HYMN TO JOY

***Holy Business**

***Benediction**

Postlude

Tocatta in G
by J. S. Bach

Susan DeSelms

*The congregation is welcome to greet each other and go to Coffee Hour during the postlude,
or sit and listen if that feels most comfortable.*

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Thank you to those serving in worship today:

Acolyte: Elizabeth L.

Liturgist: Amaya L.

Ushers: Alan Fobes, Emily Turkington, Donna Treece, Livia Imada

Take-Home Questions

Where have you experienced abundance amid a scarcity mindset?

What do you take away from today's interfaith experience?

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.*

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