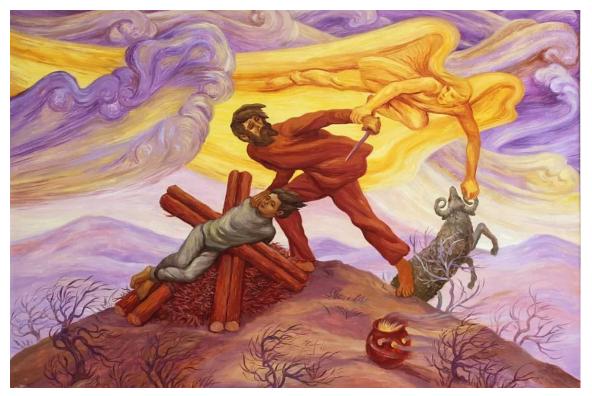
The United Parish in Brookline

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"Abraham's Sacrifice" by Peter Koenig, from <u>Art in the Christian Tradition</u>, Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville.

Original source <u>here</u>.

September 14, 2025 Abraham and Isaac

Nursery care is available for children under 5 years old, upstairs in Room 203, where our professional caregivers provide activities, crafts, snacks, and a scripture-based curriculum.

During worship, children are invited to explore our 'Prayground' to the right of the worship platform. There is also a Family Room across the hall from the Prayground for those who would like a quiet place to rock or nurse.

Rocking chairs are also available at the back of the Sanctuary.

Hearing devices are available from the ushers.

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

Gathering Music

Benedictus by Max Reger Susan DeSelms Minister of Music

^{*}Chiming the Trinity

^{*}means we invite you to rise in body and spirit



Greetings

Anna Jeide-Detweiler, Seminarian Amy Norton-Benfield, Associate Pastor Kent French, Senior Pastor

Centering Prayer of Confession (unison)

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

that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name...

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit

Silent Confession

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

One: O God, in your compassion;

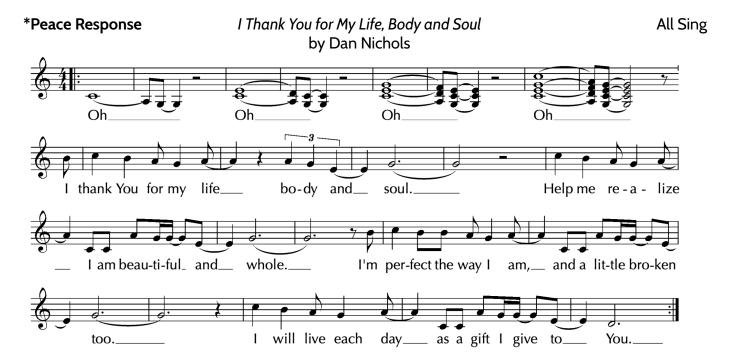
All: Hear our prayer.

*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.



Reading from the Hebrew Bible

Genesis 22:1-14

Leann Canty UPLIFT Mission Team, Thrifty Threads

One: The Wisdom of God for the people of God,

All: Thanks be to God!

Music

Excerpt from Canticle II, Abraham and Isaac by Benjamin Britten

Message Kent French

Hymn My Life Flows on in Endless Song New Century Hymnal #476

TUNE: ENDLESS SONG

One: O God, hear our prayer;

All: And guide us with your love.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Offering Invitation

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

We encourage everyone to participate in passing the offering plate, as an act of our common life together.

Ways to contribute:

- 1. Place cash, check, visitor card, or "I Give Online" prayer 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 <u>unitedparishbrookline.org</u>.



Chancel Choir

Offertory Anthem

Hope Lingers On by Lissa Schneckenburger, arranged by Andrea Ramsey

My mother, when love is gone (2x) In our darkest hour, hope lingers on My father, when peace is gone (2x) In our darkest hour, hope lingers on

I will not hate, and I will not fear In our darkest hour, hope lingers here

My sister, when equality's gone (2x) In our darkest hour, hope lingers on My brother, with tolerance gone (2x) In our darkest hour, hope lingers on I will not hate, and I will not fear In our darkest hour, hope lingers here

My love, when honor is gone (2x) In our darkest hour, hope lingers on My country, when justice is gone (2x In our darkest hour, hope lingers on

I will not hate, and I will not fear In our darkest hour, hope lingers here

Feast of Communion

Invitation

Sharing the Meal

Music During Communion

Ave Verum
by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Chancel Choir

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine; vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine, cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine; esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
Who has truly suffered,
was sacrificed on the cross for mortals,
Whose side was pierced,
whence flowed water and blood:
Be for us a foretaste (of heaven)
during our final examining.

*Song 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 -



lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho-ly Spi - rit! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn Be Still, My Soul

New Century Hymnal #488

TUNE: FINLANDIA

*Holy Business

*Benediction

*Postlude Sun Dance Susan DeSelms by Bob Chilcott

Thank you to those serving in worship today:

Communion Preparers: Swain Family

Liturgist: Leann Canty

Ushers: Alan Fobes, Emily Turkington, David Mann, Ella M., Madeline Cortes, Carolyn Melbye

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Take-Home Questions

How do you know if God is speaking to you?

What is most precious to you in this world? Top five?

How far and for what would you be willing to sacrifice if you thought it was right, what God wanted?

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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