



The United Parish in Brookline

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April 19, 2026 Third Sunday of Easter

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

Intrada
by Grayston Ives

Brian Locke
*Interim Minister of Music
and Organist*

*Chiming the Trinity

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

***Opening Hymn**

Now the Green Blade Rises

All Sing
New Century Hymnal #238
TUNE: NOËL NOUVELET

Greetings

Kent French
Senior Pastor

Centering Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving and compassionate God,
you know our hearts, and all our desires,
and we can hide no secrets from you.
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 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.**

***Peace Response**

Halle, Halle, Halleluja
Caribbean Melody

All Sing
New Century Hymnal #236

TUNE: HALLELUJA

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le - lu-ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

Reading from the Gospel

[Acts 9:1-19](#)

Common English Bible

Holly VandeWall
Chancel Choir

One: For the Good News of the Holy Spirit;

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Message

Kent French

Hymn in Response

Amazing Grace

All Sing
New Century Hymnal #547
TUNE: NEW BRITAIN

Prayers of the People

Cathy Quackenbush
Growing Grandparents, Usher Ministry

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.**

Prayer Response

Alleluia
by Jerry Sinclair

All Sing
New Century Hymnal #765



1 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Offering Invitation

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

Beverly Bowman
Walk for Hunger

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" card in the offering plate.
2. Scan the QR code.
3. Through Venmo (@unitedparishinbrookline), Paypal (paypal.me/unitedparish), Realm (internal directory/database), or at unitedparishbrookline.org.

Offertory Anthem

Praise His Holy Name!
by Keith Hampton

Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn**

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

All Sing
New Century Hymnal #459
TUNE: NETTLETON

***Holy Business**

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

God Be With You
by Thomas A. Dorsey

All Sing
#639
African American Heritage Hymnal

***God be with you, God be with you,
God be with you until we meet again:
God be with you, God be with you,
God be with you until we meet again.***

***Postlude**

O filii et filiae - Variations
by Jeanne Demessieux

Brian Locke

Thank you to those serving in worship today:

Acolyte: William K.

Liturgists: Holly VandeWall, Beverly Bowman

Ushers: Alan Fobes, Lori Miller, Livia Imada, Carolyn Melbye, Abi Bonnington

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Take-Home Questions

When have you had turn-around (conversion, repentance) moments in your own life?

Or noticed in the lives of others?

What surprised or impressed you?

Whom do you find especially malicious or wrong-headed?

What would it look like for them to have a conversion experience?

Are there places in your life where you need a turn-around?

What do you need to make that happen?

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.*

Ministers	The People of the United Parish
Senior Pastor	Reverend Kent French
Associate Pastor	Reverend Amy Norton-Benfield
Minister of Music <i>(on Sabbatical through July 26)</i>	Susan DeSelms
Interim Minister of Music	Brian Locke
Handbell Choir Director	Tricia Kopko
Choir Section Leader	Ruby Abreu
Choir Section Leader	Emma West
Choir Section Leader	Joey Timmons
Choir Section Leader	Valentine Umeh
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Custodian	Joy Hanlon
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Nursery Staff	Anne Florient
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