



The United Parish in Brookline

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Painting by Caitlin Connolly

May 10, 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter Mental Health Sunday

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

Processional
by Margaret R. Tucker

UP Ringers
Tricia Kopko, *director*

***Chiming the Trinity**

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

***Opening Hymn**

Mothering God

All Sing
TUNE: O FILII ET FILIAE



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form,
3 Moth - er - ing Spi - rit, nur - tur - ing one,



in the bright morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of
of - fer - ing me your food of light, grain of life, and
in arms of pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I



ev - 'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
grape of love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
root and grow un - til I flow - er, un - til I know.

Greetings

Amy Norton-Benfield, *Associate Pastor*
Kent French, *Senior Pastor*

Song of Preparation

The Year's at the Spring
by Amy Beach

Emma West
Soloist

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
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**

Crowded Table

Chancel Choir and
Congregation

Refrain:

I want a house with a crowded table

And a place by the fire for everyone

Let us take on the world while we're young and able

And bring us back together when the day is done

Reading from the Epistles

Philippians 1:1-18

Julie Anderson
Mental Health Team

One: For the Good News of the Holy Spirit;

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Amy Norton-Benfield

Sung Response

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

All Sing
New Century Hymnal #539
TUNE: SERVANT SONG

Prayers of the People

Kent French

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!

The image shows a musical score for a prayer response. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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.

*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

Danza
by T. Susata, arranged by Kevin McChesney

UP Ringers

***Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

All Sing

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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 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**

O for a World

All Sing

New Century Hymnal #575

TUNE: AZMON

***Holy Business**

***Benediction**

Barbara Feuchter
Mental Health Team

***Benediction Response**

A Gaelic Blessing
by John Rutter

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

For the Beauty of the Earth
by Conrad Kocher, arranged by Kevin McChesney

UP Ringers

Thank you to those serving in worship today:

Acolyte: Myers R.

Liturgist: Julie Anderson

Ushers: Karina Thompson, Michael McSherry, Justin Aier, David Mann

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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
Multimedia Producer	Jordan Wuth
Parish Administrator	Sarah Fitzpatrick
Accounting Administrator	Jim Smith
Building Manager	Rebekah Shore
Head Custodian	Violet Nowlan
Custodian	Emery Bibbins
Custodian	Joy Hanlon
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Nursery Staff	Anne Florient
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