



# The United Parish in Brookline

American Baptist • United Church of Christ • United Methodist



## June 7, 2026 Confirmation 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**

*Ciaccona in E Minor, BuxWV 160*  
by Dietrich Buxtehude

Brian Locke  
*Interim Minister of Music*

**\*Chiming the Trinity**

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

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Now in the Days of Youth*

All Sing  
New Century Hymnal #350  
TUNE: DIADEMATA

**Greetings**

Amy Norton-Benfield  
*Associate Pastor*

**Centering Prayer of Confession** *(unison)*

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

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*  
by Doris Akers

All Sing  
New Century Hymnal #293  
TUNE: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,  
When we shall leave this place.*

**Reading from the Scriptures**

Luke 10:29-37  
Romans 12:9-16

Tyler Smith  
*Treasurer*

One: For the word of God in Scripture,  
For the word of God in Spirit,  
For the word of God among us;

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Message**

Amy Norton-Benfield

**Rite of Confirmation**

**Sung Response**

*God, We Sing and Worship*  
Music by John Bacchus Dykes  
Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

All Sing  
TUNE: NICAEA

***God, we sing and worship, joining friends and neighbors,  
Sharing with the ones we love the joy of your good news.  
We have heard your gospel through our church's labors,  
Through loving lives of those who share our pews.***

***What a joyful gift to learn the faith of others;  
Yet we know the greater joy of faith that is our own.  
May we know your love for all your sons and daughters:  
We live in you, God, we are not alone.***

***You have given Jesus, you have sent your Spirit;  
You have given water as a sign that we belong.  
You have given love and called your church to share it;  
Through bread and chalice, you have made us strong.***

***Now we come before you in the faith you gave us,  
In the faith that was your gift when we were all baptized.  
Jesus is our Lord! You send him here to save us!  
With grateful hearts, we give you now our lives.***

**Prayers of the People**

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**

*Spirit of the Living God*

All Sing  
New Century Hymnal #283

TUNE: IVERSON

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

## 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](http://unitedparishbrookline.org).

## Offertory Anthem

*Land of Rest*  
American Folk Tune  
arranged by Karen Thompson

UP Ringers  
Tricia Kopko, *Director*

## Feast of Communion

*We practice “open table” communion, meaning that all are welcome to partake. Communion is served via intinction, and ushers will invite the congregation row by row to come forward and be served.*

### Invitation

### Sharing the Meal

## Music During Communion

*Locus iste*  
by Anton Bruckner

Chancel Choir

**\*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 - 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**                      *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*                      All Sing  
New Century Hymnal #495  
TUNE: BEECHER

**\*Holy Business**

**\*Benediction Response**                      *God Be With You*                      All Sing  
by Thomas A. Dorsey                      #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**                      *Fanfare from 'Drottingham Wedding Music'*                      UP Ringers  
by Johann Helmich Roman  
arranged by Martha Lynn Thompson

Thank you to those serving in worship today:

Acolyte:     Myers R.

Liturgist:    Tyler Smith

Communion Preparer: Holly VandeWall

Ushers:     Tyler Smith, Madeline Cortes, Cathy Quackenbush, Justin Aier

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## **Take-Home Question**

Q: What time is worship next Sunday, June 14th?

A: 10am!

# 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  
Senior Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Minister of Music *(on Sabbatical through July 26)*  
Interim Minister of Music  
Handbell Choir Director  
Choir Section Leader  
Choir Section Leader  
Choir Section Leader  
Choir Section Leader  
Parish Administrator  
Accounting Administrator  
Building Manager  
Head Custodian  
Custodian  
Custodian  
Nursery Supervisor  
Nursery Staff  
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Pastor Emerita

The People of the United Parish  
Reverend Kent French  
Reverend Amy Norton-Benfield  
Susan DeSelms  
Brian Locke  
Tricia Kopko  
Ruby Abreu  
Emma West  
Joey Timmons  
Valentine Umeh  
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