The United Parish in Brookline

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November 15, 2026
Justice, Kindness, and Humility
Autumn All-Parish Meeting

Hearing devices are available from the ushers.

The Nursery is available for children 4 and under, upstairs in Room 203. All children are invited to explore our 'Prayground' (side area near the front with a rug, beanbags chairs, and a small table) during worship. There is a Family Room across the hall from the Prayground for those who would like a quiet place to rock or nurse.

Sensory items are available to borrow from the Fidget Library located at the back of the Sanctuary. Please return the items at the end of worship.

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

Gathering Music *Trio No. 7, Allegro* by Ludwig van Beethoven — Magdalena Burbano, *clarinet*; Beverly Bowman, *cello*; Susan DeSelms, *piano*

***Chiming the Trinity**
**means we invite you to rise in body and spirit*

***Opening Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* — New Century Hymnal #43
Tune: Beecher

Greetings — Anna Beeken, *Seminarian*; Amy Norton-Benfield, *Associate Pastor*; Kent French, *Senior Pastor*

Anthem *I See You, God* by Mark Burroughs — Children's Choir

Who says you're invisible? I see you all around.
I see you in the starry sky, and on the snowy ground.
I see you in each tiny flower and in the tallest tree.
I see you, God. You're visible to me.

Who says you're invisible? I see you everywhere.
I see you in the gentle lamb and in the mighty bear.
I see you in each drop of rain and in the deep blue sea.
I see you, God, you're visible to me.

(James) *I see you in a hand reached out in friendship.*
(Myers, Apollo, Riley) *I see you in a baby's smiling face.*
(Elizabeth, Ellie, Parker, Diannah) *I see you when your people work together -*
(Choir) *to make this world a better place.*

Who says you're invisible? I see you more and more.
I see you in the miracles that stretch from shore to shore.
I see you in the loving eyes of friends and family.
I see you, God. You're visible to me.
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Centering Prayer of Confession *in unison*
based on the Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where we have sown the seeds of hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, let us sow pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying
that we are born to eternal life…

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** *Come Let Us Worship God* All Sing
by Ray Makeever, arranged by Katie Houts

1. Come let us worship God ***(all repeat)***
Welcome everyone ***(all repeat)*** *to the love of God!* ***(all repeat)***

2. Rest for the weary ***(all repeat)***
Welcome everyone - to the love of God! ***(all repeat)***

3. Hope for the children ***(all repeat)***
Welcome Everyone - to the Love of God! ***(all repeat)***
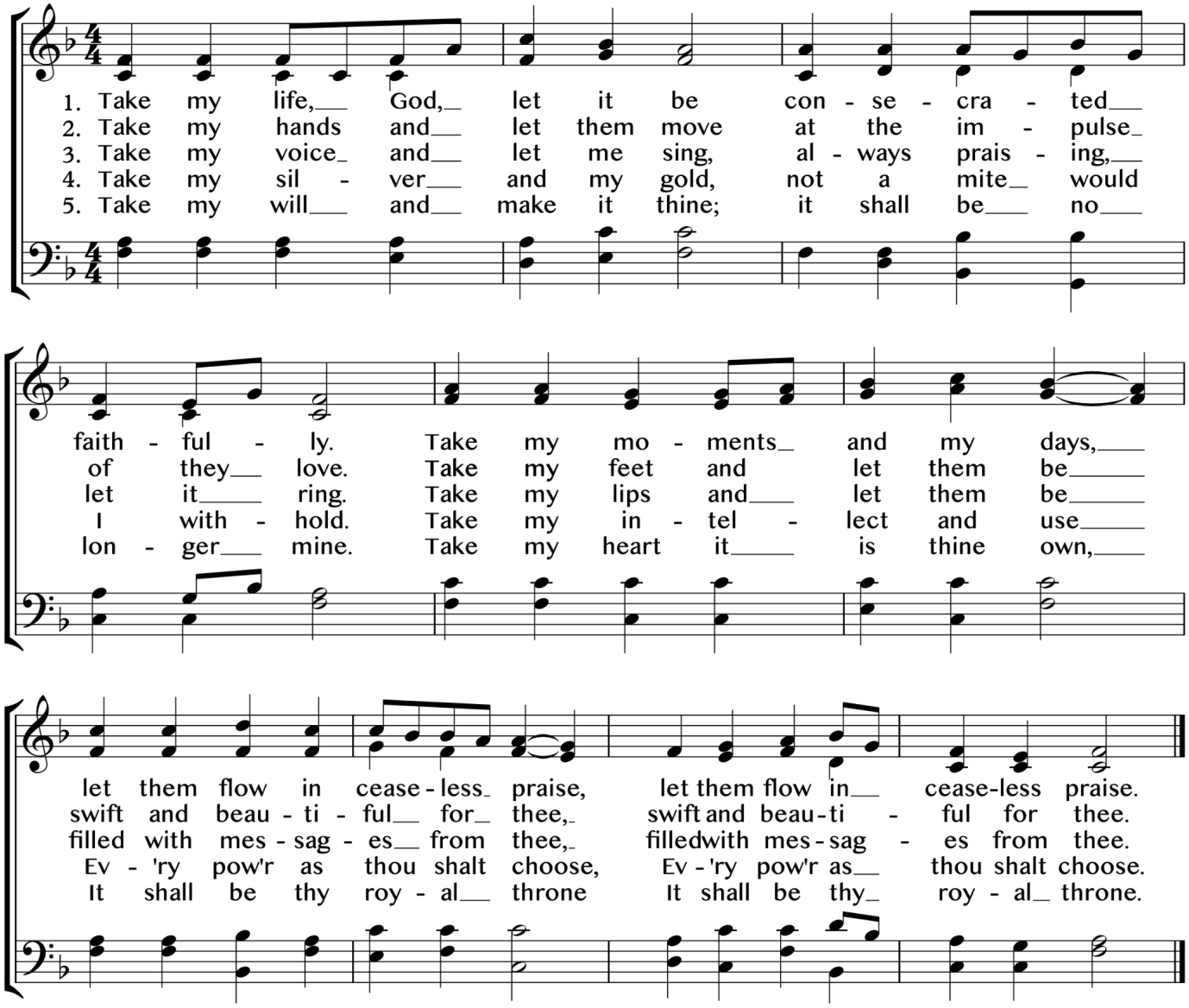
4. Come Let Us Worship God ***(all repeat)***
Welcome Everyone - to the Love of God! ***(all repeat)***

Reading from the Hebrew Bible [Micah 1, 5 & 6]
selected verses

One: The wisdom of the prophets of God for the people of God,
All: Thanks be to God!

Message Kent French

Hymn in Response *Take My Life and Let it Be* All Sing
(selected verses) TUNE: HENDON



Prayers of the People Amy Norton-Benfield and Anna Beeken

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* All Sing
by Jerry Sinclair

Offering Invitation Don Leka, Carlos Rodarte, Katalina Gamarra
No gift is too small or too large; all are precious. *Peaceful Garden Sangha*

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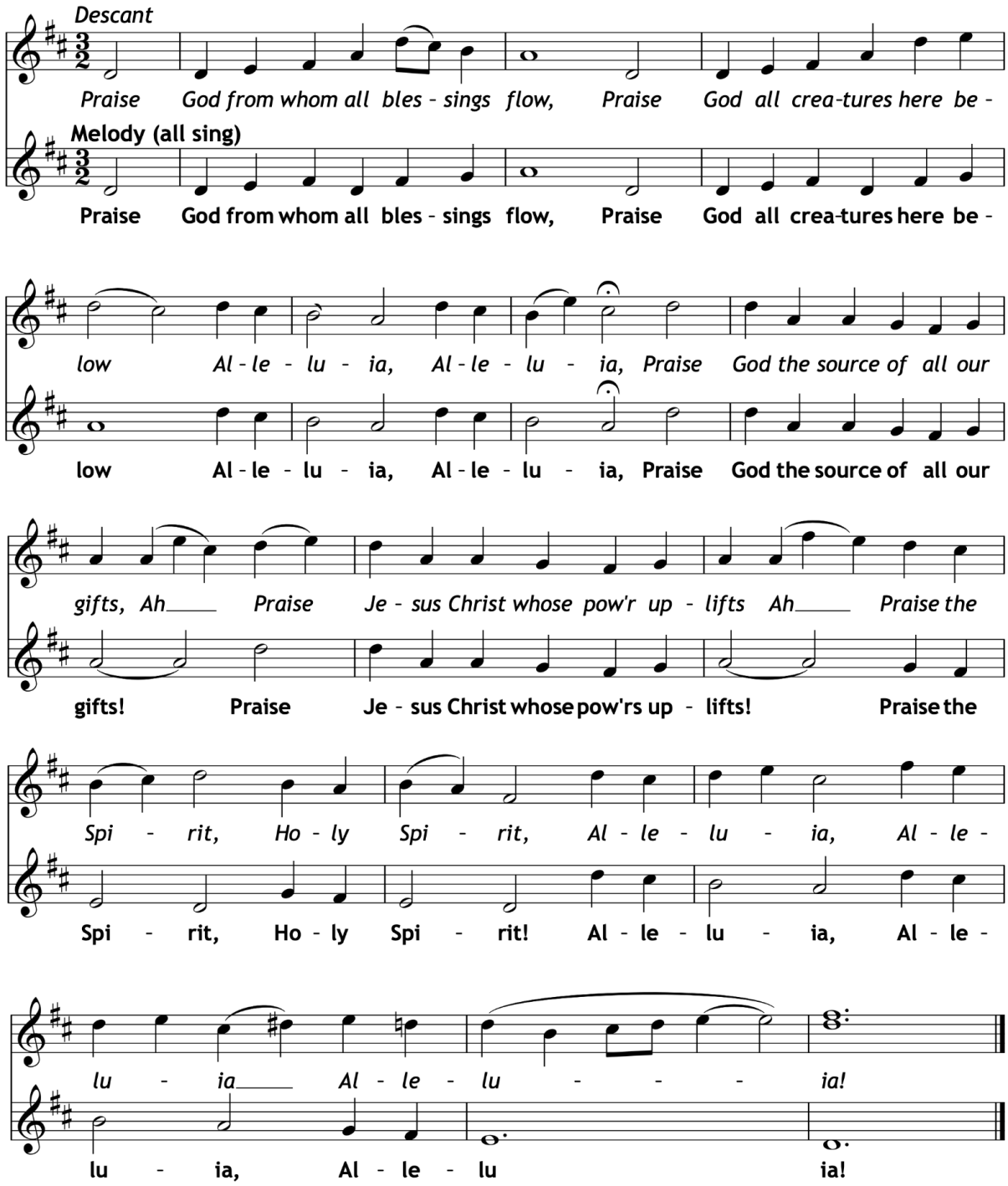
Ways to contribute:

Place cash, check, visitor card, or prayer card in the offering plate.	
Realm (our church directory), or unitedparishbrookline.org	
Venmo @unitedparishinbrookline *(Sometimes, there are some fake accounts created by scammers to try to trick you. To ensure your donation goes to the right place, please scan the QR code rather than typing in the name.)*	
PayPal paypal.me/unitedparish	

Offertory Music *Trio No. 7, Adagio* Magdalena Burbano
by Ludwig van Beethoven Beverly Bowman
Susan DeSelms

***Doxology** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* All Sing

Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen



***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn** *Amazing Grace* New Century Hymnal #547

Tune: New Britain

***Holy Business**

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**	*Go Now in Peace* by Natalie Sleeth	Children's Choir All join 2nd time through

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, ev'rywhere you may go.

***Postlude**	*Trio No. 7, Theme and Variations* by Ludwig van Beethoven	Magdalena Burbano Beverly Bowman Susan DeSelms

Thank you to those serving in worship today:
Liturgists: Don Leka, Carlos Rodarte, Katalina Gamarra
Ushers: Alan Fobes, Lori Miller, Alex Hall, Ellen Sutter, Geoff Sanzenbacher, Pam Naab

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Music Notes

We are so excited to have our **Children's Choir** singing today in worship. They have been working hard each week and are ready to share "I See You God," a song about all the ways that God is present in our lives! Singing in choir is a wonderful way for children to grow in faith, build confidence, and make friends at church! If your child is in kindergarten through 6th grade, we'd love them to sing with us! For more information, contact susan@upbrookline.org!

A special thank you to Magdalena Burbano and Beverly Bowman for playing in worship this morning! Beverly has been singing in the choir for over twenty years and also plays handbells and organizes the Walk for Hunger, among many other things! Magdalena has been singing in the choir for just a few years, and spends her days taking care of animals.

After nine Sundays of leading worship, the **Chancel Choir** is taking a Sunday to simply be in worship with all of you before Advent begins! Thank you, Chancel Choir, for your wonderful musical leadership!

Take-Home Questions

Where do you see the following in your life or the world around you?

Doing Justice

Loving Kindness

Walking Humbly with God

Which is most challenging? Why?

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	Susan DeSelms
Seminarian	Anna Beeken
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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Accounting Administrator	Jim Smith
Building Manager	Rebekah Shore
Head Custodian	Violet Nowlan
Custodian	Emery Bibbins
Custodian	Joy Hanlon
Nursery Supervisor	Katy Lum
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Nursery Staff	Anne Florient
Nursery Staff	Isabelle Gardiner
Nursery Staff	Ione Madsen Hardy
Nursery Staff	Ashlyn O'Dowd
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