



The United Parish in Brookline

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January 26, 2025 Third Sunday of Epiphany Living the Word: Fishing for People

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

The Call, Opus 39
by Raymond Wediner
"Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Susan DeSelms
Minister of Music

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

***Opening Hymn**

I Would Be True

New Century Hymnal #492

TUNE: PEEK

Greetings

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

Centering Prayer of Confession

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**

Draw the Circle Wide
by Mark A. Miller

Choir and Congregation

Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir-cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by side. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let it be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stan-ding side by side, draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide.

Reading from the Gospel

[Luke 5:1-11](#)

Peter Rempelakis
Council, Mental Health Team, Chancel Choir

One: For the Good News of Jesus Christ,
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Message

Kent French

Sung Response

O Savior, Let Me Walk with You

New Century Hymnal #503
TUNE: MARYTON

Prayers of the People

Anna Jeide-Detweiler and Amy Norton-Benfield

One: O God, hear our prayer;
All: **And guide us with your love.**

Lord's Prayer

We invite you to use whatever word for God you choose: Mother, Father, 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, or visitor 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 unitedparishbrookline.org/give.



Offertory Anthem

Alleluia: A New Work is Come on Hand
Anonymous 15th century poem; Music by Michael Emery

Chancel Choir
Handbells

*Alleluia! A new work is come on hand
Through might and grace of God's Son
To save the lost of every land.
For now is free that erst was bound:
We may well sing, Alleluia.*

*Now is fulfilled the prophecy
Of David and of Jeremy
And also of Isaiah.*

*Sing we therefore both loud and high:
Alleluia.*

*Alleluia, this sweet song
Out of a green branch it sprung.
God send us the life that lasteth long.*

*Now joy and bliss be him among
that thus can sing Alleluia.*

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

All Sing

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Musical notation for the Doxology, consisting of four staves of music in G major and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures 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.

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*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn

We Offer Christ

New Century Hymnal #527

TUNE: CHARTERHOUSE

*Holy Business

*Benediction

*Postlude

Pasticcio
by Jean Langlais

Susan DeSelms

Thank you to those serving in worship today:

Liturgist: Peter Rempelakis

Ushers: Donna Treece, Geoff Sanzenbacher, Emily Turkington, Justin Loke

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Take-Home Questions

What is the Good News to you?

Why would you share it? With whom?

What keeps you from sharing it?

Do you know someone who could use your version of Good News?

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
Seminarian	Anna Jeide-Detweiler
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