



For the Blessing of God's Creatures
Brookline Community Church 2:00 PM
September 25, 2011
Rev. Renee Rouse - Interim Minister



WELCOME

Leader: Jesus Christ, we come before You with all Your creatures in this circle of life.

People: We ask You to join our circle and celebrate with us.

Leader: Jesus Christ, as we join in celebration with You and all creation,

People: We ask for Your blessing, Shalom, Your Peace, on the creatures present here that we love and on all creatures celebrating in the wild.

Leader: In the name of our God, who creates all life, in the name of Jesus Christ, who redeems all life, and in the name of the Spirit, who renews all life, we cry with all in the circle of life:

**People: Shalom! Shalom! Shalom!
May Your blessing come!**

Leader: Bless, our God, all you creatures.

People: Bless God in heaven and on the earth

GENESIS 1:20-28

RESPONSIVE PRAYER –

Leader: For all Your creatures that have breath and move and have life.

People: We thank You, O God.

Leader: That we may love and honor the works of Your hand.

People: We thank You, O God.

Leader: That each pet here may be treasured with care.

People: We thank You, O God.

HYMN - ***“Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee - see reverse side (said or sung)***

BLESSING OF EACH ANIMAL

Please bring your pet(s) forward, one at a time and share their names

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

***Joyful, Joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the
sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive
the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill
us with the light of day!***

***All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven
reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around, center of
unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing
fountain call us to rejoice in thee.***