



*Joint Worship Service at Lake Potanipo
of the Brookline Community Church and
the Congregational Church of Hollis
Reverend Catherine Merrill, Minister
Reverend Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Minister*

July 14, 2019

WELCOME & RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP:

Extend a greeting to those nearby

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Love the Lord your God,

**All: with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

Leader: Love your neighbor as yourself,

**All: with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

Leader: Do this and you will live!

All: Let us worship God!

* INTROIT: #690 "*Bind Us Together*"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING

Leader: Every Christian is called to be a minister in Jesus' name: it's part of our baptismal identity. Today, we commission this group of Work Campers to the Christian ministry they have been called and equipped to accomplish in Dexter, Maine. Let us pray.

All: God, we thank you for the gifts you entrust to us with which to do holy and important work in this world. Lord Jesus, we thank you for the opportunity to serve as ministers in your name. Holy Spirit, we are grateful that you accompany and empower us in our work, so that our efforts might become a blessing to others.

We pray for your Spirit to descend upon these young people and adults, and fill them as they head to Dexter, Maine. May they be worthy ambassadors of your love and abiding presence to everyone they encounter there. And may their ministry bless them as well, as they are changed and strengthened by their work in your name. Amen.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Leader: The prayer shawls that we bless today will be presented on behalf of the Congregational Church of Hollis to the residents who will welcome our commissioned work-camp ministers. They have been kitted with prayers and Christian love, so that those who cover themselves with these garments might feel wrapped in prayer, and surrounded by the love of Christ. Let us pray.

All: God of love, we ask for your blessing on these shawls. We pray for each person who will receive and wear these blankets of blessing, that they might feel your presence with them and experience the peace and wholeness you alone can offer.

Leader: May those who present these shawls be humble ministers of your grace, and radiant vessels of your love.

All: Bless and strengthen each one for your holy purposes and transforming work, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN: #563 “*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*”**

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Pastoral prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **Our Father 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. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 10:25-37

***HYMN: #384 "This Is My Father's World"**

SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 1:1-14

SERMON: Who's Heard About Us?

MINISTRY OF SHARING: (offering of tithes and gifts)

DOXOLOGY: **# 809 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM of Kieran Stone Shaklee and Cora Brooke Shaklee

INVITATION AND ADDRESS

Response: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

*** PLEDGE OF CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT**

Minister: Jesus Christ call us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the ones about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

All: We promise our love, support and care.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Minister: Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God.

Minister: Do you believe in Jesus?

All: I believe in Jesus.

Minister: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER AND BAPTISM

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

Minister: We give you thanks, O Holy One, mother and father of all the faithful, for these your children and for the grace acknowledged here today in water and the Holy Spirit. Embrace us all as sons and daughters in the one household of your love. Grant us grace to receive, nurture and befriend these new members of the body of Christ.

**All: Give to the newly baptized: strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ who makes us one.
Amen.**

*** CLOSING HYMN: "Flawless"**

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: # 839 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again."**

Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.

*** Please stand in body or Spirit**

Participants

Reverend Catherine Merrill	Minister
Reverend Tanya Stormo Rasmussen	Minister
Reverend Richard Stratford	Minister
Bill Dunbar	Lay Reader

New Beginnings Musicians

Peter Bretschneider	Vocals, Saxophone
Carol Cherian	Vocals
Sanjay Cherian	Vocals, Guitar, Percussion
Chris Jones	Vocals
Jocelyn Jones	Vocals, Keyboard
Yifan Kang	Vocals, Keyboard
Jon King	Bass, Trombone, & Percussion
Megan King	Vocals
Dave Larkin	Vocals, Trumpet
Charlene LeDoux	Cello
Melanie Levesque	Vocals
Cindy Perkins	Vocals
Gary Simmerman	Vocals, Keyboard
Derek Smith	Electric Guitar
Steve Tamulonis	Percussion, Vocals

Calendar

Sunday, July 21	9:00am	Worship Service
Sunday, July 28	9:00am	Worship Service
Sunday, August 4	9:00am	Communion Service at Lake Potanipo
Sunday, August 11	9:00am	Summer Service at Lake Potanipo
Sunday, August 18	9:00am	Worship Service

Last week's attendance (7/7/19): 28 Adults, 3 Children

BCC YTD Financial Summary	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Income vs Expenses + /-
June	\$38,589	\$46,298	(\$7,709)

Announcements

>**Share** is collecting toothbrushes & paste, deodorants, shampoo & conditioner, bar soap

>**Offering Envelopes:** If you would like offering envelopes, please see Rena or contact her at renaduncklee@charter.net