



Brookline Community Church
Communion Service at Lake Potanipo
Reverend Catherine Merrill, Minister

August 5, 2018

WELCOME & RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP:

Extend a greeting to those nearby

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 51):

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

All: Wash me thoroughly from my sin

Leader: You desire truth in the inward being

All: therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation

All: and sustain in me a willing spirit.

* **INTROIT: #376 "We Gather Together"**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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.

Bringing Our Whole Selves Story: John Nicholson

***HYMN: #227 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Leader: God has given us a sign showing that love is stronger than death. The sign of the cross points to our exodus from bondage to sin. Let us repent, seek God's forgiveness, and enter into new life in Christ.

All: Holy One, whose love and justice condemn us, whose mercy and kindness feed us, we confess our sins and pray for your forgiveness.

What terrible suffering we have unleashed. We have used other persons without regard for their dignity; we have abused the earth without care for its beauty or concern for future life; we have sought to bargain with you to smooth our way to heaven.

God, change us. Put the Spirit of Christ within us and cause us to grow into mature, faithful disciples of the one who came from you to save us from our sin. Free us from captivity to our selfishness, bind us to the whole body of Christ, and let us bear witness to the truth that your love holds everything together in perfect unity. We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Leader: The bread of life God sends is the offering of the only begotten Son. Whoever comes in Jesus Christ shall never be hungry; whoever believes in him shall never thirst. Believe the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION:

Leader: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God most high.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise

***HYMN: #563 "Lord I Want to be a Christian"**

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a

SERMON: When Stories Collide

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

* **CLOSING HYMN: #690 "Bind Us Together" x3**

* 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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

> **SHARE** is collecting Canned Fruit, Flour, Sugar, Boxed Mixes & Baking Supplies, Coffee & Tea

> **Christmas Faire:** Baskets of all shapes and sizes are needed for the Christmas Faire. Baskets can be left at the church during the summer and fall. Please leave them under the table in the mail/copy room.

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

Participants

Reverend Catherine A. Merrill
 Melanie Levesque
 Dave Larkin

Minister
 Lay Reader
 Musician Extraordinaire

Calendar

Sunday, August 12	9:00am	Summer Service at Lake Potanipo
Sunday, August 19	9:00am	Worship Service
Sunday, August 25	9:00am	Worship Service
Sunday, September 2	9:00am	Communion Service
<i>Saturday, September 8</i>	<i>8:00am</i>	<i>Town Wide Yard Sale</i>
Sunday, September 9	9:00am	Worship Service

Last week's attendance (7/29/18): 32 Adults, 8 Children

BCC Financial Summary	Est. Budgeted Income	Actual Income	Est. Budgeted Expenses	Actual Expenses	Income vs Expenses + / -
June		\$5,910.58		\$7,483.64	\$1,573.06
YTD	\$36,989.11	\$37,958.33	\$49,899.24	\$44,033.49	\$6,075.16

