



The worship service will be recorded and then edited so you get the best of both worlds, the service and the music videos. There's a [play list](#) that will weave them together, so you can just press "play" and go from beginning to end!

Thank you to Debbie Gline Allen for leading us in worship today.

Debbie Gline Allen is a Commissioned Minister of Christian Formation in the United Church of Christ and serves as a Minister of Faith Formation for the Southern New England Conference. She is passionate about guiding congregations in ensuring that their children are nurtured in the Christian faith, that they may grow up keeping their faith and a church community at the center of their adult lives. Now as a Member In Discernment seeking ordination, she works to incorporate her love for children, youth, and family ministries within services of worship. Debbie lives in Derry, New Hampshire with her spouse, two sons, and beloved cats.

**Prelude: Hymn of Creation**

**Call To Worship (inspired by Psalm 8):**

One: O God, Our God, how majestic is your name throughout the earth.

**Many: When we look at the heavens, who are we that you are mindful of us and care for us?**

One: You have created a glorious world for us to live in.

**Many: We are in awe of your great oceans, the mighty mountains, and the sun, moon, and stars.**

One: O God, Our God...

**All: How majestic is your name throughout the earth.**

**Hymn: [In The Beginning](#)**

**Lifting up Our Joys and Concerns:**

[For next week, please feel free to send Reverend Catherine your joys & concerns and we will include them in our prayers: [minister@bccnh.org](mailto:minister@bccnh.org) ]

**Let us pray the Lord's Prayer together:**

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.

**Hymn: [Creation Sings by Stuart Townsend](#)**

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 104 (selected verses from the Common English Bible)**

Let my whole being bless the Lord!  
Lord my God, how fantastic you are!  
You are clothed in glory and grandeur!  
You wear light like a robe;  
you open the skies like a curtain.  
You build your lofty house on the waters;  
you make the clouds your chariot,  
going around on the wings of the wind.  
You established the earth on its foundations  
so that it will never ever fall.  
You put gushing springs into dry riverbeds.  
They flow between the mountains,

providing water for every wild animal—  
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.  
Overhead, the birds in the sky make their home,  
chirping loudly in the trees.  
From your lofty house, you water the mountains.  
The earth is filled full by the fruit of what you've done.  
You make grass grow for cattle;  
you make plants for human farming  
in order to get food from the ground.  
God made the moon for the seasons,  
and the sun too, which knows when to set.  
You bring on the darkness and it is night,  
when every forest animal prowls.  
When the sun rises, they gather together  
and lie down in their dens.  
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God.

**Reflection on the Scripture for All Ages:** God's Breath

**Healing Ritual for the Earth**

**Hymn: Creation by Kurtis Parks & Friends**

**Prayer of Dedication for the Gifts We've Been Given**

Gracious and Loving God,  
We bring these, our gifts, to you as a reminder that all that we have is ultimately yours. Help us to see that all you have given us, and all that we give to you in return, are blessings in equal measure.  
Amen.

**Announcements**

**A Prayer to Send us Back Out into the World (Benediction)**

One: So now, as we prepare to enter the week ahead, may the God who gave us our breath, and the One who breathes the same breath we breathe, bless you and keep you.

**Many: May God bless you and keep you.**

One: May God's face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

**Many: May God bless you and keep you.**

One: Know that you are a beloved child of God, and that God will never leave you.

**Many: May God bless you and keep you.**

One: Go in peace.

**All: Amen.**

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."

**Postlude: Creation Hymn by Matt Boswell**

*Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.*



## PRAYER LIST (4/24/22)

- Friends & family of Braedon O'Connor, Elly Austin and Patty Birner.
- For everyone to stay as healthy as they can in the days to come
- For the friends & families of those who have died alone
- For our church, that we remain patient with the process of re-opening
- For Luca, Amy's nephew, whose treatments continue
- For Joe, Megan's friend, recovering from knee surgery
- For Joe's wife, Megan's friend, recovering from heart surgery
- For Leslie, Susan Haight's relative, who is out of the ICU but still in the hospital, and for Susan's nephew who is bearing a great deal of the burden
- For Polly, John Panto's sister, recovering from a stroke, who's moving into another facility
- For Clarence Farwell, recovering from a stroke
- For Nancy Reinbold, friend of the church, whose family is going through a rough time
- For Cassie, Amy's mom, who lost her sister Lois last year. For all the crazy Covid reasons, Cassie will be helping to sort through her things, a tough moment for everyone.
- For the friends and family of Sandy, Donna's cousin, may they know the love that surrounds them.
- For the friends and family of Dave Kinney, whose life ended too soon
- For the friends and family of Lois Adams, who left us too soon
- For the congregation of the Brookline Community Church
- For Steven Spader
- For peace, for the end of violence of all kinds
- For people to listen to one another and sometimes agree to disagree while being respectful
- For the people of Ukraine and Russia, drawn into a war they did not want
- For those who have no one to pray for them, accept our prayers
- Individuals serving in our military & their families

## Announcements

The church's financial obligations continue. If you are able, please mail your offering to: Brookline Community Church, PO Box 507, Brookline, NH 03033.

BCC YTD Financial Summary	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Income vs Expenses + / -
March	\$17,742	\$26,067	(\$8,326)

Please shop [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose Brookline Community Church as your charity to support the church. Thanks!

There are several ways to send your offering.

1. Text "GIVE" to 603-506-4455 for your first time. Click "Sign In" then "Register for an Account"

2. Scan the QR code



3. Mail to: Brookline Community Church, PO Box 507, Brookline, NH 03033.

### Next Take Home Meal: April 8, Ham Tetrazzini

You know it's going to be delicious. Order soon because they're going to fly out of here.

### Save the Date: Discerning When God is Calling the Church, 5/1, after worship

We're continuing our time of discussion to discern where God is calling our church to go and grow. We want to explore questions like:

- What have we learned in this time of turmoil and change?
- Who is today's Brookline Community Church?
- What do our choices reveal about what we truly want to be?

### Looking for feedback on changes in our Covid protocols

Over the next few weeks we'll be experimenting with changes in our Covid-19 protocols, trying to relax some of our guidelines. Our intention is to help folks feel more connected with one another. But the same changes might feel great for some and off-putting for others. Please speak with Rev. Cath, Ann or any of the deacons to let us know how the changes make you feel.

### Free Covid Home Tests

1. Gov. Sununu [announced a program to deliver free Covid home tests to NH residents](#). You just go to [the program's website](#), put in your zip code and then follow the prompts. They're delivered via Amazon.

2. The federal government will deliver four tests to your home. Just enter your details on a special [US Post Office web page](#). And if you've ordered 4 in the past, you can get four more the same way!

### **Brookline Food Pantry**

Although we cannot be together physically at this time, Outreach is continuing to work through the Brookline Welfare office & CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) to address our community's needs.

The Brookline food pantry is now open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-2:00 for drop-offs only. There is a list on the [Brookline Food Pantry's Facebook page that is being updated](#) as items are needed. In addition to Market Basket gift cards, this week, they're looking for:

Gas card donations

Market Basket/Walmart Gift Cards

Small women's depends

Flushable wipes (not baby)

If you know of anyone who could use some help from the Food Pantry, please let Rebecca or Amy know. We sense there's more need in the community than is currently picking up food.

Non-perishables can be dropped off at Brookline Town Hall (downstairs near the Town Clerk's Office), at the Brookline Post Office, or at the Cozy Tae Cart any time those places are open.

As always, perishable items such as bread, cheese, butter, eggs, meats, and milk can be donated during open pantry hours: Tues and Thurs, 10am - 2pm.

### **Habitat for Humanity Build in Nashua**

Although they are not accepting volunteer builders at the moment, we have provided a financial donation to Habitat for Humanity in Nashua. They are currently working on a duplex for two female veterans and their kids. Habitat would welcome financial contributions at this time as well.

### **Help Lines**

This time of isolation can be very difficult. You may know someone who needs some support beyond what you can provide. We're in this together.

- Suicide prevention: 1-800-273-8255
- Sexual assault: 1-800-656-4673
- Domestic violence: 1-800-799-7233