

## Participants

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## Calendar

<b>Sunday, March 31</b>	11:00am	Easter Egg Decorating
<b>Sunday, March 31</b>	4:00pm	Film, <i>Hannah Arendt</i> , at the Cherians, see insert
<b>Sunday, April 7</b>	10:00am	Communion Service
<b>Friday, April 12</b>	1:00pm	Take Home Meals Cooking
<b>Sunday, April 14</b>	10:00am	Palm Sunday Service
<b>Maundy Thursday April 18</b>	5:30pm	Soup & Bread in Mason
	7:00pm	Tenebrae Service in Mason
<b>Good Friday, April 19</b>	Noon – 9:00pm	Good Friday Vigil
<b>Easter Sunday, April 21</b>	5:45am	Easter Sunrise Service
	10:00am	Easter Service with New Beginnings

Last week's attendance (3/24/19): 32 Adults, 5 Children

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## Worship Service

*Brookline Community Church*

2 Main Street, PO Box 507

Brookline, NH 03033

Reverend Catherine Merrill

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**March 31, 2019**

**10:00 am**

**WELCOME & RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP:**

Extend a greeting to those nearby

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Like the sheep that wandered off,

**All: Bring us home to you, O Lord.**

Leader: Like the coin that rolled away into the corner,

**All: Bring us home to you, O Lord.**

Leader: Like the son who walked away and then came home,

**All: Let our welcome be joyous, O Lord we pray.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-12, p. 850

**REFLECTION OF THE FATHER'S BEST FRIEND**

**\* INTROIT: 227 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Trusting the grace promised to us in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love.**

**Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love.**

Leader: As a parent welcomes home a wayward child, so God embraces all who return in true repentance.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**TIME OF REFLECTION**

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 15:13-24, p. 850

**REFLECTION OF THE YOUNGER SON**

**\*HYMN: #451 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: see insert

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 15:22-27, pp. 850-851

**REFLECTION OF THE SLAVE**

**\*HYMN: "There's a Fountain" (see insert)**

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**

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 15:25-32, pp. 850-851

**REFLECTION OF THE ELDER SON**

**\* CLOSING HYMN: Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone see insert**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: see insert**

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

**\* Please stand in body or Spirit**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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