



Worship Service

Brookline Community Church

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September 25, 2022 10:00am

Guest Worship Leader: Pastor Cyndie Dandrea

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: We come to this place

People: Where streams of living waters flow

Leader: All: We come to this place.

People: Where the tree of life thrives

Leader: We come to this place

People: Where your kingdom is at hand

God of living waters meet us here

Children's Message

Hymn: Let the River Flow

Opening Prayer: Living God Your word promises whoever believes in you will have rivers of living water flowing from their heart. I am thirsty I long for your living water to flow in all its fullness through me today. Fill me afresh now— fill me to overflowing.

In Jesus Name: Amen

Lifting up Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lords Prayer

Let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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 have trespassed 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

Psalter

Psalm 42:1-7

Leader”As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.

People”My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

Leader:My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, “Where is your God?”

People:These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.

Leader:Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

All:Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me.

By day the LORD directs his love, at night his song is with me— a prayer to the God of my life.

Scripture Reading:

Ezekiel 47:1-9

47 Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar.

² Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.

³ And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles.

⁴ Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins.

⁵ Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

⁶ And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river.

⁷ Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.

⁸ Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.

⁹ And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.

Gospel Reading- Revelation 21:6- John 7:37-38. John 4:13-14

Rev. 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

John 7:37-38

³⁷ In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

³⁸ He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John 4:13-14

Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

¹⁴ But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life

The Message: Eternal Water

Hymn Water of Life

As I Went Down To The River To Pray

As I went down to the river to pray
Studyin' about that good old way,
And who shall wear the starry crown,
Good Lord, show me the way
1 Oh sisters, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down,
Oh sisters, let's go down
Down to the river to pray. [Refrain]
2 Oh, brothers...
3 Oh, children...
4 Oh, sinners...

Offering:

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (Unison) Oh gracious God we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. We pray for your blessing today as we come to bring our offerings. We ask you to accept these gifts so they may be used in the continuing work of this church and your work in the world. Amen

Gratitudes, Prayer Requests and Light of God Moments:

Closing Hymn: God is on the Move

Announcements

Benediction

Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.

Calendar

Sunday, October 2	10am	Worship Service
Friday, October 7		Take Home Meal
Sunday, October 9	10am	Communion and Worship Service
Friday, October 14		Ghost Trail Run Spaghetti Supper
Sunday, October 16	10am	Worship Service
Sunday, October 23	10am	Worship Service
Saturday, October 29		Senior Luncheon

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

	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Income vs. Expenses +/-
August	\$42,469	\$60,494	(\$18,025)

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1. Text "GIVE" to 603-506-4455 for your first time. Click "Sign In" then "Register for an Account"
2. Scan the QR code
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PRAYER LIST (9/25/2022)

- Friends & family of Braedon O'Connor, Elly Austin, Patty Birner, Jesse Delrossi, Jane Jukes, Edith Corey, Sandy Garvin.
- For the friends & families of those who have died alone
- For Luca, Amy's nephew, whose treatments continue
- For those struggling with thoughts of suicide
- For Polly, John Panto's sister, recovering from a stroke, who's moving into another facility
- For Mike Esposito, Miracle Mike, friend of Susan and Russell's family, returning to the hospital for more surgery
- For Cassandra, Amy's mom, on the loss of her sister Linda
- For the family of Laura Finocchiaro who lost their home and all their worldly goods,
- For Ann's dad, who had gallbladder surgery
- For the Stritchfield family, Donna's childhood neighbor, who lost Everett and Mary, may they know the love that surrounds them and the impact they have had on those around them,
- For the friends and family of Carol Austin Matson, Kathi Whitcomb's mother, who passed away a few weeks ago, may they know the love that surrounds them.
- For the friends and family of Sharon Nicholson's brother, Scott
- For Reverend Catherine's cousin Peter, who is recovering from serious cancer surgery
- For the friends and family of Tom Hoff, Donna's cousin
- For Becca Cherian, who is traveling to California
- For Barbara's neighbor Bernadette, who was admitted to the hospital
- For the gentleman who fell out of his tree stand while hunting
- For the people of Ukraine, who fight on, even as the world looks elsewhere
- For the people of Taiwan, searching for peace in the face of hostility
- For those who have no one to pray for them, accept our prayers
- Individuals serving in our military & their families

9/25/2022 Household Prayers

Household Prayer: Morning

God of radiance and glory you give life to all things and call us to life everlasting. Show us the treasure of your grace so that we may take hold of the life that really is life; through Christ Jesus, Lord of lords. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Most High God, in the shadow of your wings there is nothing to fear. Cover us with your grace this night. Be with us in trouble, satisfy us with long life, and show us your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Questions for Reflection

What is wealth to God?

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