



## **Prelude**

### **Call To Worship** (adapted from Psalm 130)

Leader: Out of our depths we cry to you, O God.

**All: Sometimes we feel so down and out that there is no one else to turn to.**

Leader: Hear us, we pray. Our souls are waiting.

**All: Sometimes you are slow to answer our prayers.**

Leader: More than those who watch for the morning, you are ever-present with us and your love is everlasting.

**All: It is our fervent hope that you will renew us once again.**

**Everybody: We praise your Holy Name!**

### **RESPONSE: #820 Threefold Amen (Danish)**

**Children's Message:** Wherever You Go

Rev. Debbie Gline Allen

### **Hymn #254 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven**

### **A Prayer of Joys and Concerns:**

The response to "God of resurrection," is "hear our prayer."

### **Let us recite 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.**

[For next week, please feel free to send me your joys & concerns and I'll include them in our prayers: [minister@bccnh.org](mailto:minister@bccnh.org) or call/text (857) 259-7269.]

## **Hymn #532 Be Thou My Vision**

### **Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

### **RESPONSE: #820 Threefold Amen (Danish)**

#### **Reflection on the Scripture**

Rev. Debbie Gline Allen

## **Hymn #558 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

### **MINISTRY OF SHARING**

**\*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 for the Gifts We've Been Given:**

**May these gifts be our testimony of our faithfulness to you, Abiding God, even as we offer to you all that we are and all that we have for your glory, honor, and praise. Amen.**

**Announcements**

**A Prayer to Send us Back Out into the World:** (Adapted from Psalm 34)

Leader: Let us bless the name of our God at all times;

**All: With our words, with our actions, and with our lives.**

Leader: We seek out our God in times of trouble

**All: And God eases our fears.**

Leader: O taste and see that our God is good;

**All: Happy are those who seek the shelter of God.**

Leader: Come, O children, listen to me and I will help you to stand in awe of our God.

**All: Let us continue to praise God's Holy Name**

**Everybody: as we go out into the world to share the Love of the Risen Christ.**

**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**

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



## PRAYER LIST (4/7/24)

- Friends & family of Ken Perrin, Alice Krom, Dave Flannery, Marc Searles.
- For Dave Joki, member of the Brookline Fire Department, fighting cancer
- For Paul, John's friend, who's in a tough fight with cancer.
- For Kim, Donna's relative, whose liver transplant had a setback
- For Brandon, Jill & Kevin's friend, on the heart transplant list.
- For Kevin, Kevin's dad, who's facing some medical issues
- For a friend, figuring out a way to pay her rent
- For a family in transition
- For Terry, Kym's friend, recovering from a double lung transplant, hopefully headed home soon.
- For Ken, Ann's dad, facing complicated diagnosis and treatment
- For Susan, John Nicholson's mom, home after a stay in the hospital, but heading back there for more procedures.
- For Natalie, Marjorie's sister-in-law, recovering from her third heart attack.
- For Alison, Susan's friend, whose breast cancer has returned at Stage 4.
- For Kim, Amy's friend, recovering from a liver transplant
- For Warren, George Razzaboni's brother, entering chemo
- For Alex, Marjorie's friend, starting a new round of chemo
- For Sandy, Ann's sister, who is dreading the one-year anniversary of her husband's death
- For Wiznadine and the other citizens of Haiti, as they face rising violence
- For many friends who are sick, may they recover quickly
- For the people of Israel and Palestine, may they find a way forward
- For the people of Ukraine, who fight on, even as the world looks elsewhere
- For the people of Taiwan, recovering from a major earthquake
- For those who have no one to pray for them, accept our prayers
- Individuals serving in our military & their families

## **Announcements**

### **2024 Book Group: Anthony Marra's *Mercury Pictures* Presents**

The first session had great conversation, and we're all looking forward to even more opinions showing up for the second session. If you have questions, please contact Sanjay ([sgcherian@gmail.com](mailto:sgcherian@gmail.com)).

Let's try and meet on:

- April 14, 4:00-5:30pm; read the rest of the book

### **Faith Formation: Deepen Your Connection with God: Apr. 14, 8:30am**

We will be offering faith formation sessions once a month. In addition to the activities designed for the kids, we'll be offering a separate track of reflections on Christian Faith Practices for the adults.

We meet at 8:30am on Sunday mornings: 4/14 (moving from 4/7 because I usually take the Sunday after Easter off), 5/5, 6/2

### **Horton Center Schedule for 2024 looks awesome!**

Lots of fun theme weeks, from Mysteries on the Mountain to Hogwarts at Horton Center. If you know of anyone who could use some time in a beautiful place, centered on Christian faith, please pass the word. Scholarships are available.

[www.hortoncenter.org](http://www.hortoncenter.org)

### **Would You Like Offering Envelopes for Your Weekly Offering?**

Just let Bill Dunbar ([financechair@bccnh.org](mailto:financechair@bccnh.org)) know, and he'll set you up!

### **Gently Used Winter Clothes can find a good next home**

If you have any gently used winter clothes, let Amy ([arazz3914@gmail.com](mailto:arazz3914@gmail.com)) know. She'll find a good home for them.

### **Email Scams may appear to come from the church!**

You may get an email that appears to come from the church or Rev. Cath asking for money or gift cards. We won't ever do that, so you can ignore them.

Unfortunately, mean people make it difficult for all of us.

### **There's a task list in the Social Hall if you could help with a church project**

Some are bigger than others; some will require supplies that the church will provide. If you have a few hours and would be willing to take on a task, we would appreciate the help!

### **The Church has 12 Covid Test Kits, Take & Replace!**

NH made Covid supplies available to certain non-profits. We took advantage of the program to snag 12 Covid test kits. If they become hard to find again, feel free to grab one (Candy [secretary@bccnh.org](mailto:secretary@bccnh.org) can help) and replace it later.

### **Brookline Food Pantry**

The Brookline food pantry is open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-2:00 for drop-offs [Brookline Food Pantry's Facebook page](#) has updates. And there's now [a long, robust Google doc](#) that shows what they need.

If there's anyone who could use some help from the Food Pantry, please let Amy know.

## Help Lines

You may know someone who needs some support beyond what you can provide.

- Suicide prevention: 1-800-273-8255 (or 988)
- Sexual assault: 1-800-656-4673
- Domestic violence: 1-800-799-7233

## The church's financial obligations continue.

	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Income vs. Expenses +/-
February	\$10,593	\$19,921	(\$9,328)

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.

