



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

August 6, 2017

WELCOME & RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP:

Extend a greeting to those nearby

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 17):

Leader: Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry

All: My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

Leader: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God,

All: incline your ear to me, hear my words.

Leader: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

All: As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

***INTROIT: “Michael Row Your Boat Ashore” attached**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

All: God of compassion, we are sick. We have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you. We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: The God of steadfast love is our refuge and Savior. In Christ, we who are broken are healed, forgiven, filled, and transformed. Alleluia!

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.

FAMILY STORY

***HYMN: #452 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus", sung twice**

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.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 21:33-46

Leader: Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

All: Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

Leader: They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."

All: And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

Leader: And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

***HYMN: #452 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"**

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 32:22-31

SERMON: The Blessings We Wrestle With

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: #519 “It is Well With My Soul”**

***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**

Household Prayer: Morning

God of daybreak, thank you for holding me through the night and awakening me to behold your likeness in this brand-new day. Go with me now as I walk with you. Show me the world and its people through your eyes of compassion. Bless me, break me, and move through me to heal and feed those who hunger for you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

O God, tonight I lay my failures, anxieties, struggles, and unfinished business at your feet. Hold me, bless me, and change me as I rest in you. Amen.

Announcements

Share is collecting: Canned Ham, Side Dishes (Seasoned pasta mix, Hamburger Helper, etc) Ravioli, and Beefaroni

Participants

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Minister

On 8/13, we're reading the story of Jesus walking on the water. You may want to dress so you can wade in the Lake up to your ankles.

Calendar

Sunday, August 13	9:00am	Summer Service at Lake Potanipo
Sunday, August 20	10:00am	<i>Revival Under the Trees Mason</i>
Sunday, August 27	9:00am	Worship Service
	10:00am	Coffee Hour
Sunday, September 3	9:00am	Worship Service
	10:00	Coffee Hour

Last week's attendance (7/30/17): 28 Adults

BCC Financial Summary	Budgeted Income	Income	Expenses	Income vs Expenses + / -
June	\$5,896.58	\$3,664.67	\$5,720.12	-\$2,055.45
Year to Date	\$35,379.50	\$36,669.47	\$44,651.43	-\$7,981.96

Is Your Pledge Up To Date?