



**Prelude:** [\*Blessed is the Man by the Coram Deo Church\*](#)

**Call To Worship, Psalm 112, p. 490-491**

**Leader:** Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD,  
who greatly delight in his commandments.

**All:** **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.  
Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures for ever.**

**Leader:** They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;  
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.  
It is well with those who deal generously and lend,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**All:** **For the righteous will never be moved;  
they will be remembered for ever.  
Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;  
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

**Leader:** They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;  
their righteousness endures for ever;  
their horn is exalted in honor.

**All:** **The wicked see it and are angry;  
they gnash their teeth and melt away;  
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

**Children's Message: Who comes to the banquet?**

### Hymn: [Come to the Banquet by Fay White](#)

If you have a favorite hymn you'd like to include in our worship service, just send it along and I'll look for a good place for it.

Come to the banquet,  
there's a place for you  
Though you maybe have no money  
Though you maybe feel unworthy  
In your strength or in your weakness  
You are welcome, come

Come to the banquet,  
there's a place for you  
See, you are an honored guest,  
From constant serving you may rest  
So sit you down, be fed and blessed  
For you are welcome, come

Come to the banquet,  
there's a place for you  
Woman, wise one, mother, maiden  
See your plate with food is laden  
And you place is set and waiting  
You are welcome, come

Come to the banquet,  
there's a place for you  
Worker, father, little boy,  
Old man or youth without employ  
Come rest your worry, here is joy  
And you are welcome, come

Come to the banquet,  
there's a place for you  
Whether you've been lost or faithful,  
Whether you've been wise or wasteful,  
Here's a place of rest and grace,  
And you are welcome, come

Come to the banquet,  
there's a place for you  
Here is one who runs to meet you,  
loving arms stretched out to greet you.  
Do not let your fear defeat you.  
You are welcome, come.

Come to the banquet,  
there's a place for you  
Willing hands have made this bread  
with yeast and salt and labor shared.  
Let all the hungry ones be fed.  
It's time for feasting, come.

Come to the banquet,  
there's a place for you  
Abundant wine, enough for all  
Our generous, loving host has called.  
The cup of blessing now is poured  
for sweet communion, come.

Come to the banquet,  
there's a place for you.

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

#### **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: [The Table by Chris Tomlin](#)**

I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I won't hunger anymore  
At His table

I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I won't hunger anymore  
At His table

Come all you weary; come and find  
His yoke is easy; His burden light  
He is able; He will restore  
At the table of the Lord

There is peace at the table of the Lord  
There is peace at the table of the Lord  
I won't worry anymore  
At His table

There is healing at the table of the Lord  
There is healing at the table of the Lord  
I won't suffer anymore

At His table

Come all you weary; come and find  
His yoke is easy; His burden light  
He is able; He will restore  
At the table of the Lord

I know He has a place for me  
Oh, what joy will fill my heart  
With the saints around the mercy seat  
of God

Come all you weary; come and find  
His yoke is easy; his burden light  
He is able; He will restore

At the table of the Lord  
At the table of the Lord

I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
I'm invited to the table of the Lord

He says, "Come just as you are"  
To His table

**Scripture Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14, pp. 849**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

## Reflection on the Scripture:

[Hymn: Psalm 112 by Poor Bishop Hooper](#)

### 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:**

**Faithful God, you bless us in Jesus,  
who is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.  
And so we praise you with lips that confess his name  
and ask your blessing on these gifts  
for the life of the world. Amen.**

### Announcements

#### **A Prayer to Send us Back Out into the World (a riff on Psalm 112)**

Leader: Alleluia! The LORD has made a world that’s reliable. We can live righteous lives because God’s own self is righteous.

**All: Because righteousness can be passed down, it’s like an inheritance, not bound up in a single life time. It is like wealth that can be handed down the generations. Handed down to the end of time.**

Leader: Created in God’s image, we are gracious, merciful and righteous. In relationship with Creator and creation, we can share with others, because it is the right thing to do.

**All: Daily, faithfulness shows up in actions with others, our actions, God’s actions. Those actions make the world a stable place, because they allow us to build stable relationships.**

Leader: Extra joy comes in giving to others, because God has given so freely to us.

**All: Free from having to hoard and hold on, because God makes sure we have what we need.**

Leader Grim, grudging, and greedy people do not sense the enormous generosity of God

**All: Happy that we are made in God’s image, let us live generous lives, and do our part to make this world more reliable, more stable.**

Leader: Amen and ...

**All: Amen.**

**Postlude: [The Table by Jonathan Traylor](#)**

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

## Notes:

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### Psalm 112

Psalm 112 offers an unqualified statement that the world is ruled by God with moral symmetry, reflected in the disciplined acrostic structure of the psalm. The initial “Praise the LORD” of verse 1 credits the entire reliable system of the world to the governance of God.

The main argument of the Psalm (112:1b-9) explores the proposition of 1b, that one who fears God will be happy. Faithful obedience leads to well-being. The well-being of the happy persons runs the full range of human desire. It includes the most material yearning of wealth and riches (v. 3). It also includes a steady heart that is not shattered by adversity (vv. 7-8). The key phrase used to describe such a person is “righteous.” In verse 3, the righteous person’s capacity to make things right endures.

The righteousness of the happy person is in the context of, and possibly because of, the character of God, who is known to be gracious, merciful, and righteous. That is the ground of human righteousness. This life is a happily oriented life because there is real harmony between creation and Creator. Goodness is not a condition or a property or a state of being, but a set of actions in social relations. Virtue concerns the distribution of economic justice. Generosity makes for joy in the life of faith.

The stress is on the happy, righteous person. But to underscore the point, verse 10 asserts not only that the wicked do not act this way, but that they resist and are made miserable by their resistance.

Satisfaction and life fulfillment do not come from greed, self-filling, and self-sufficiency. The happy person is the one who knows about the abundance of the Creator who withholds nothing needful from God’s precious creation. Believing that permits a very different social practice.

Walter Brueggemann, *The Message of the Psalms: A Theological Commentary*. (Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1984), 45-47.



## PRAYER LIST (8/28/22)

- 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 home after months in the hospital and rehab
- For Jill & Kevin's friends' children; Grady is facing surgery and his sister Nayanna is his donor
- For Linda, Amy's aunt, who passed away in the hospital.
- For the dry brush around town. It took the fire department three days to put out a brush fire started by a campfire. Please be careful around your homes.
- For the people of Ukraine, who fight on, even as the world looks elsewhere
- For those who have no one to pray for them, accept our prayers
- Individuals serving in our military & their families

### **Household Prayer: Morning<sup>1</sup>**

Holy God, if the beginning of sin is pride, then let me walk in your ways and to your glory this day, rather than to my own. Amen.

### **Household Prayer: Evening**

Lord, you are my helper; therefore I will not be afraid, for you are ever with me. Amen.

### **Questions for Reflection**

Where do you experience mutual love in your life? Is there someone you disdain? How might you show love for that person in thought, word, or deed?

### **Daily Awareness Reflection<sup>2</sup>**

At the end of the day, I've been asking myself the following questions. I jot down the answers and ask them again the next evening. I've found it helps me to remain centered as well as increasing my awareness of God in my life. It takes about 10 minutes.

1. Slow down. Stop. Prepare yourself to pray by becoming aware of the love with which God looks on you ...
2. Note the gifts God has given you today. Give thanks to God for them ...
3. Ask God that this be a time of special grace and revelation ...
4. With God, review the day. Look at the stirrings of your heart, your thoughts, and your choices as the day progressed. Which have been of God? Which have not? What does God want to say to you about both? ...
5. Ask for forgiveness for failures/omissions, for healing from their effects ...
6. Look forward to the following day, and plan concretely with God how to live it according to God's desire for your life ...

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<sup>1</sup> The Morning & Evening Prayer and Question for Reflection are reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from *Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion*. Copyright 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Elizabeth Liebert, *The Soul of Discernment* (Louisville, KY: John Knox Press, 2015), 31.

## 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.

	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Income vs. Expenses +/-
July	\$36,830	\$53,799	(\$16,969)

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.

### Join Outreach and Be a Part of the Stand Down for Homeless Veterans

Outreach is asking for donations of **NEW** socks & underwear, blankets, long sleeve sweatshirts and sweatpants, gently used coats or clothing for the cold winter months coming up. These items will be given out to the veterans at this event.

Please bring your donations to the church by Sunday, September 18th. There will be a barrel outside by the parking lot side door to put items in, leave in the front hall at the church or drop off Friday Sept 9th between 1-4:30 during Take Home Meal.

You may also send in a monetary donation to the Brookline Community Church, PO Box 507, Brookline NH 03033. Please note to be used for Stand Down items.

Contact Amy Razzaboni at [arazz3914@gmail.com](mailto:arazz3914@gmail.com) for more info. There's also a flyer with more event details further down in the bulletin.

### Need a break from the heat? The Library is nice and cool!

The library is a great place to retreat to if you need an airconditioned space to hang out in. See their [website](#) for hours.

### Brookline is in a severe drought!

You can learn more about drought conditions from the [NH Dept. of Environmental Services website](#). There is also [a guide for private well owners and information](#) on the Water Assistance for Natural Disaster Impacts to Low-Income Residential Well Owners Program.

## **ARE YOU 60 or OLDER or KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS? DO YOU LIKE A GREAT MEAL?**

If you do ... BE ON THE BROOKLINE COMMUNITY CHURCH'S SENIOR LUNCHEON LIST. We have lunches periodically on Saturdays throughout the year just for the 60 and older crowd. If you are interested, just let us know how you would like to be contacted for notices of these lunches (email, mail, Facebook ..., etc.) Any questions.... just ask Megan King ([kingmegan7@gmail.com](mailto:kingmegan7@gmail.com)) or Amy Razzaboni ([arazz3914@gmail.com](mailto:arazz3914@gmail.com)).

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

### **Get Your Parking Placards for the Lake!**

We hope to worship more often at the Lake than in previous years. So make sure you have an up to date parking placard.

### **Would You Like to Pick the Music for Worship?**

Music is not one of Rev. Cath's gifts, so she gets help from a variety of people. If you'd like to try picking the music once or many time, please let her know ([minister@bccnh.org](mailto:minister@bccnh.org)). Yifan's happy to do it. He knows how much he enjoys it and want other folks to have an opportunity if they'd like to give it a try.

### **Homeless keys looking for an owner on the back table:**

In tidying up the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor classrooms, we found a number of keys that are looking for a home. They may have been there a while, so see if they were the set you were never able to find! See Susan Haight ([sdlhaight@gmail.com](mailto:sdlhaight@gmail.com)) for more details.

### **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 (or 988)
- Sexual assault: 1-800-656-4673
- Domestic violence: 1-800-799-7233

### **NH is now part of the national 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**

New Hampshire is announcing the launch of 988, the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL). People can call 988 to be connected with trained counselors that are part of the existing NSPL network.

## 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!



**NH STAND DOWN**  
for veterans experiencing homelessness  
**Sept. 23, 2022**  
**10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Location: Harbor Care Health & Wellness Center, 45 High Street, Nashua



**MORE INFORMATION**

<b>Donations &amp; Other Questions</b> Contact Richard Odonnell 603-882-3616 x 1199 r.odonnell@harborcarenh.org	<b>Table &amp; Attendance Questions</b> Contact Andrea Reed 603-882-3616 x 1111 a.reed@harborcarenh.org
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**Help is available if you're a veteran experiencing homelessness!**

- Employment Services
- Medical Advice
- Food
- Clothing
- Haircuts
- Legal Advice
- Pension Claims
- Advising
- Counseling

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