



Army Maj. Charity E. Adams and Capt. Mary Kearney of the 6888th Central Postal Battalion inspect the first contingent of black members of the Women's Army Corps assigned to overseas service in Birmingham, England, Feb. 15, 1945.

Prelude: [Guide My Feet by Shine](#)

Guide my feet while I run this race, yes, my Lord!
Guide my feet while I run this race, yes, my Lord!
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

2 Hold my hand...

3 Stand by me...

4 I'm your child...

5 Guide my feet...

Call To Worship, Psalm 84:1-7, pp. 472-473

To the leader: according to The Gittith. Of the Korahites. A Psalm.

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the LORD;

**All: my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**

**Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,**

Leader: at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.

Selah

**All: Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

Leader: As they go through the valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.

**All: They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.**

RESPONSE: [#820 Threefold Amen \(Danish\)](#)

A Prayer of Joys and Concerns:

The response to “God of mercy” 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 or call/text (857) 259-7269.]

Standing for Stewardship

Hymn: *Fight the Good Fight by Sharon Pike*

Fight the good fight with all thy might
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right
Lay down thy life, and Christ shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally
Thy joy and crown eternally

Run the straight race by God's good grace
Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face
Life with its pain before us lies
With Christ as the Way, and Christ the prize
With Christ as the Way, and Christ the prize

Have no fear, Christ is with thee
Have no doubt, Christ will come for thee
He died and he rose, to reign over all
He's the King of all Kings, and Lord of thy soul

Cast care aside; upon thy Guide
Lean, and His mercy will provide
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
That Christ is thy life and Christ, thy love
That Christ is thy life and Christ, thy love

Faint not, nor fear, His arms are near
He changeth not, and thou art dear
Hold fast to Him, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee
That Christ is all in all to thee

Have no fear, Christ is with thee
Have no doubt, Christ will come for thee
He died and he rose, to reign over all
He's the King of all Kings, and Lord of thy soul
(repeat)

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.

Overview of Christian Education, beginning Nov. 6

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:7, p. 968

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

RESPONSE: #820 Threefold Amen (Danish)

Individual Reflection on the Scripture:

Group Reflection on Scripture:

Hymn: *I Have Fought the Good Fight by the Thirsting*

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:**

**Holy and merciful God,
you know the joy that is in us
when we offer ourselves, our time, and our possessions
for the work you set before us.
Use these gifts to heal and teach, comfort and challenge,
that all the world might give you praise. Amen.**

Announcements

A Prayer to Send us Back Out into the World (a riff on Psalm 84:1-7)

Leader: There is nothing lovelier than being in your presence, the holy presence that the life in my bones and brawn longs for. More than my next breath, I long to be in God’s presence.

All: **Not only does everything that I am sing for joy when I’m in God’s presence, but I see God lifting up everything around me, from the mightiest politician to the tiniest sparrow.**

Leader: All are welcome in your house, however each of us describes your presence, as God or King or head of a mighty army. Selah.

All: **Blessed are those who draw strength from you, their hearts will always bring them safely into your holy presence.**

Leader: As they go through the dry patches in life, as they cross deserts that seem to be put there just to separate them from God, they will bring the rain, they will see the land blossoming with pools of living water.

All: **Those who seek to live in God’s loving presence, will go from strength to strength. They will find God in every living moment, in every renewing breath.**

Leader: Amen and

All: **Amen.**

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: Finish Strong by Danny Gokey

Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.

Notes:

Psalm 84

The Zion psalms (Psalms 46, 48, 76, 84, 87, and 112) celebrate the divine presence in Zion, the Jerusalem temple. From that sacred place God gives life to the community. The psalm reflects a pilgrimage to a temple festival.

The movement of the psalm is simple but important. Its beginning and end (vv. 1-4 and 10-12) anticipate entering the temple for the experience of worship. Verses 5-7 reflect back on the journey to the sanctuary, and verses 8-9 voice a petition on behalf of God's anointed king.

Verses 1-4. The psalm begins with an exclamation on the beauty of God's temple. It is the divine presence that makes the place and its worship so powerful. Verse 3 uses the image of small birds to articulate the care of the divine king; even the sparrow and the swallow will find places to nest in the temple courts.

Verses 5-7. Verses 4 and 5 begin with a term that introduces a beatitude ("Happy are"). Those who anticipate a pilgrimage to worship know joy in life.

Verses 8-9. The Davidic king is God's representative chosen to rule and therefore the one who guarantees justice and speaks God's word to the community. The petitioner prays for God's support of this leader.

Verses 10-12. Verse 10 affirms the familiar view that one day in the temple precincts is far better than a thousand days anywhere else.

Verses 10-11 have in view whole, healthy, complete life in all its dimensions. Encounter with the divine presence in worship can make possible an integration of the various dimensions of life and its hopes. The final verse of the psalm returns to the form of a beatitude, articulating the hope that trust in the divine presence will bring joy.



PRAYER LIST (10/23/22)

- 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, who will split her time between her home and a memory care facility
- For Mike Esposito, Miracle Mike, friend of Susan and Russell's family, returning to the hospital for more surgery
- For Peter, Rev. Cath's cousin, still recovering from cancer surgery at the Mayo Clinic
- For the friends and family of Leslie Fyfe, Susan Haight's relative, especially Leslie's son, Chris Loskamp, in their time of loss
- For the friends and family of Ed Krom, long time member of this church.
- 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

Household Prayer: Morning¹

Living God, you have made this day bright with the promise of your presence as you crown each moment with hope. Let your Holy Spirit pray in us now, that in all our tasks – at home, at work, at school, and in our community – we may express the joy you have in us. Be our peace, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of endings and beginnings, who calls us to work and to rest, we thank you for the joys and struggles of this day. Teach us to come to a fuller knowledge of your will in our lives, that each moment might be a sign of your love for us. Take us now into your arms that in your safekeeping, we may sleep and be renewed. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Questions for Reflection

What is prayer? When we hear the prayers of the two men in the temple (Luke 18:9–14), what does Jesus' appreciation of the tax collector's prayer tell us about the purpose of prayer?

Daily Awareness Reflection²

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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² 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 +/-
September	\$65,650	\$67,702	(\$2,052)

Please shop 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.

The Christmas Raffle committee is looking for donations for the following prizes:

- High Spirits (various bottles of alcohol, like vodka, gin, whiskey, etc),
- Family Time (games, puzzles, books, etc) We have an Uno card game so far,
- Sugar Rush! (Any candy)

Thank you for any contributions! We are off to a great start! Contact Donna Bretschneider for info/questions. (603) 860-5291 or dbret@charter.net.

Senior Luncheon, Turkey Dinner with Apple Crisp, October 29, 11:30am

Our guest speaker will be Angie Dacey, Brookline Welfare Officer. We'd welcome anyone who'd like a good meal in great company!

Are you 60 or older? Do you 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) or Amy Razzaboni (arazz3914@gmail.com).

Trunk or Treat on October 29, 2:30-4:00pm

The Library is sponsoring a Trunk-or-Treat at the RMMS parking lot. It's basically Trick or Treat, but the treats all come out of the trunk of your car. It's a great opportunity for the church to be out in the community. If you'd like to volunteer to help, please let Susan Haight know (sdlhaight@gmail.com).

Trick or Treating at the Church on Oct. 31

In addition to the Trunk-or-Treat on October 29, we'd also like to participate in the town's Trick or Treat time from the church scheduled on October 31, probably from 6:00-8:00pm. If you're willing to hand out treats at the church, let Rev. Cath (minister@bccnh.org) know.

November Take Home Meal is Buffalo Mac & Cheese (with add-ons!) Nov. 4

The November Take Home Meal is coming soon, delicious Buffalo Mac & Cheese. The add-ons will let you try dessert or vegetarian egg rolls. So much deliciousness in one place!

Christian Education: Nov. 6 8:30-9:30am: Jesus, Fully Human, Fully Divine

We're beginning our monthly Christian Education program by looking at Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus the Christ, what it means historically and for us, here and how, for Jesus to be both fully human and fully divine. The kids will have their own session, and the adults another. It will be a time for lessons and fellowship and self-reflection. The program is an experiment that we can take in any direction, so please join in and help us figure out what possibilities are richest for us.

Coming up: Dec. 4 (a busy day in the church), Jan. 1 (start the year with Jesus!), Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Mar. 26 (Palm Sunday is Apr. 2, so we'll meet a week early), May 7, Jun. 4.

Looking for Toddler Clothes for Local Girl

The grandmother who recently got custody of her granddaughter is looking for fall and winter clothes for her. They need: Size 2T Girl: Long sleeve shirts, Sweatshirts, Pants, Hat, Gloves, Snow pants, Snow boots size 7 (toddler). They usually shop at Target.

Fall Food Drive

Our local food pantries are seeing an unprecedented number of people seeking assistance to help feed their families. The rising costs of fuel, electricity and rents are leading more people to ask for help.

Fall is typically a time of low food donations as most people are thinking ahead to what they can donate at Holiday time, but this year they need help NOW!

Outreach is asking for the following food items to benefit both the Brookline Food Pantry and Share Food Pantry in Milford, NH who also supports the Brookline community.

Cereal
Snacks (peanut butter crackers,
granola bars, fruit cups etc)
Chicken & Beef Broths

Baking mixes
Sugar & Flour
Holiday Dinner Items

These items can be brought to the church and placed in the outside bin by the side door, in the basket in the front hall or dropped off during Take Home Meal on Friday, Oct 7th from 1:00-5:00.

If you would like to make a monetary donation you can mail a check to the Brookline Community Church, PO Box 507, Brookline NH 03033 and note the check is for the October Food Drive.

Contact Amy Razzaboni at 603-801-9210 or arazz3914@gmail.com with any questions.

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.

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