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[Prelude: And So I Send You](#)

Call To Worship, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, pp. 491-492

Leader: I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

**All: Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

Leader: What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?

**All: I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,
I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.**

Leader: Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.

**All: O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.
You have loosed my bonds.**

Leader: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.

**All: I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

Everybody: Praise the LORD!

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

Prayer for Father's Day¹

Children's Message: *How Can We Share the Good News?*

Hymn: [Let's Praise the Lord by LifeKids](#)

Call	Response
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah	Let's praise the Lord
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah	Let's praise the Lord,
Let's praise the Lord	Hallelujah
Let's praise the Lord	Hallelujah
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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.

A Prayer of Joys and Concerns²:

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.

¹ Today's pastoral prayer was inspired by Maren Tirabassi's "Father's Day Prayer," Gifts in Open Hands Blog, posted June 12, 2018, <https://giftsinopenhands.wordpress.com/2022/03/25/prayer-for-places-of-hospitality/> (accessed May 3, 2022).

² Today's Pastoral Prayer was inspired by Lisa M. Weaver's "Juneteenth Worship and Prayer Resources", Calvin Institute of Christian Worship for the study and renewal of worship, <https://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/juneteenth-worship-and-prayer-resources/> (accessed June 15, 2023).

[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.]

Hymn: Make Me a Servant by the Maranatha Singers

Make me a servant
Humble and meek
Lord let me lift up
Those who are weak
And may the prayer
Of my heart always be
Make me a servant
Make me a servant
Make me a servant
Today (repeat)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23), pp. 790-791

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

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

Reflection on the Scripture:

Hymn: God's Spirit is in My Heart by Divine Hymns

God's Spirit is in my heart. He has called me and set me apart. This is what I have to do, what I have to do

He sent me to give the good news to the poor.
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more.
Tell blind people that they can see.
And set the down trodden free.
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come.
And go tell everyone the news that God's Kingdom has come.

Just as the Father sent me so I'm sending you out to be, my witnesses throughout the world, the whole of the world

He sent me to give the good news to the poor.
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more.
Tell blind people that they can see.
And set the down trodden free.
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come.
And go tell everyone the news that God' Kingdom has come.

Don't carry a load in your pack, you don't need two shirts on your back. A workman can earn his own keep, can earn his own keep.

He sent me to give the good news to the poor.
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more.
Tell blind people that they can see.
And set the down trodden free.
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come.
And go tell everyone the news that God' Kingdom has come.

Don't worry what you have to say, don't worry because on that day, God' Spirit will speak in your heart, will speak in your heart.

He sent me to give the good news to the poor.
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more.
Tell blind people that they can see.
And set the down trodden free.
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come.
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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:**

Jesus gathered the disciples
and gave them authority
to heal the sick, cast out evil, and proclaim the good news.
We present our offerings for the mission of the church,
bearing witness to the kingdom of God.
Thank you for the love you hold up before the world.
Even our offerings come from the fruits of your blessings.
Glory to your name, O God Most High! Amen.

Announcements

A Prayer to Send us Back Out into the World (a riff on Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19)

Leader: In this world where no one listens to anyone,
God has heard me

All: Because God has listened to me, amongst all the billions. God will be the one I call.

Leader: Is there anything I can do to offer thanks to God for saving me?

All: Just my little life, but lived in public, so others can see that God can save one little life, one whole self, and give that single self meaning.

Leader: Because it matters to God that we trust God to care for each of us.

All: God, I am yours to command, in public, in front of others, even to do challenging tasks, like loving my neighbor.

Leader: I will do whatever you ask graciously, because it is an act of thanksgiving to you, for hearing my call, for listening to me

All: My faith is not mine alone. It needs to be shared with others, so they might also give thanksgiving that God listens and God loves each one of us.

Everybody: Praise the LORD!

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: So I Send You by Haven Quartet

So send I you to labor unrewarded. To serve unpaid unloved, unsought, unknown. To bear rebuke, to suffer scorn and scoffing. So send I you to toil for me alone.

So send I you to leave your life's ambition. To die to dear desire, self-will resign. To labour long, and love where men revile you. So send I you to lose your life in Mine.

So send I you to hearts made hard by hatred. To eye made blind because they will not see. To spend though it be blood to spend and spare not, so send I you to taste of calvary.

As The Father hath sent me, so send, so send, so send I you.

Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.

Notes:

Psalm 116

As a psalm of thanksgiving, Psalm 116 has been included in the Hallel, a collection associated with the term *hallelujah* (Psalms 113-118).

Verses 1-7: The opening reflects the tradition that God is the one who hears and responds by coming to deliver when we cry out in distress. The petitioner was gripped by the power of death, trapped, distressed and anguished, and so cried out to God. Sheol is the realm of the dead, a place of no return, a prison that offers no release. Sheol can also be seen as the power of death that diminishes life. Death has stalked this person and brought severe anguish.

Verses 8-14: The psalm of thanksgiving continues and builds with further narration of the divine rescue. Walking “in the land of the living,” in the community that makes possible full life, can now be a reality because God has delivered us from death. Verse 10 makes it clear that the raw honesty of prayer in the midst of trouble is part of faith.

Verses 15-19: The structure of the psalm intensifies as it builds yet again to a third expression of thanksgiving. The psalm makes it clear that God acts to rescue us and seeks full life for us.

Psalm 116 is part of the collection called the Hallel, which was used at Passover. The cup of salvation (v. 13) was part of the recital of the deliverance from Egyptian bondage. The cup of salvation came to be associated with the Christian Eucharist. “Eucharist” means thanksgiving. It is often associated with Maundy Thursday when lifting the cup indicates that the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus are at hand.

Walter Brueggemann and William H. Bellinger, Jr. *Psalms*, in *New Cambridge Bible Commentary* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014), 498-502.



PRAYER LIST (6/18/23)

- Friends & family of Jane Jukes, Edith Corey, Sandy Garvin, Scott Higgins, Ed Krom, Ron Whitebred, Chris Crowder, Morris Nicholson, Eddy Razzaboni, Flora Kenyon, Polly Foley, Ken Perrin.
- For those struggling with thoughts of suicide
- For those who are balancing food, gas and housing in tough times
- For Rick, Nancy's cousin, diagnosed with Stage 4 kidney cancer
- For Jen, the Aitken's friend, diagnosed with cancer
- For Jessica's relative, who's been diagnosed with a rare form of lymphoma, may they find the right combination of care quickly
- For Alex, Marjorie's friend, whose diagnosis at the Mayo Clinic means more chemotherapy to hopefully get a better handle on the cancer.
- For Kaye, Kym's sister, who has been in the hospital for a month, struggling to get on a stable path back to going home.
- For Dave Joki and Dave Flannery, both members of the Brookline Fire Department, both fighting cancer
- For Eric, Rena's high school friend's son, who is having serious side effects from his cancer treatment
- For Paul, John's friend, who's in a tough fight with cancer.
- For Renee, Donna's nephew's wife, going through cancer treatment, including tumor surgery.
- For Brandon, Jill & Kevin's friend, on the heart transplant list.
- For Kim, Amy's friend, who is in the hospital
- For Nathan Bairstow, a student at Hollis Brookline High School who passed away recently
- For Shawn, Keri Haight's friend, who's in MGH facing some significant medical challenges
- For Bob, Barbara's ex-husband, who's facing medical issues
- For Frank, Marjorie's friend, with a spot on his lung which requires a biopsy
- For Okie, Marjorie's friend, whose pain control medications aren't working any longer
- For those with and who struggle daily with mental health issues, especially anxiety and depression
- For all those struggling to start a family
- 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: Morning³

Holy Presence, let me be with you today. Awaken my senses to the wonders of your creation, and fill me with compassion for every person I meet. Protect me from those who would hurt me; make me watchful so that I do not harm anyone. Fill my inward being with the love of Christ, and inasmuch as it is possible, let others know your presence through me. In this way let me glorify you, Holy One, Holy Three. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Maker of day and night, creator of sun, moon, and all planets and stars, thank you for your protection during the hours I have passed in your light. Guard me, I pray, through the coming dark. As I settle into sleep, recall to my mind each blessing you gave me while I was awake so that I can rejoice in your goodness. Grant me peace, rest, and renewal as I close my eyes in your presence. Watch over me while I am helpless in the world. If it is your will to speak to me in dreams while my mind is quieted and still, grant that I may be attentive to your Word and guided by your Spirit when I awake to a new day. Let me arise and join my voice with all the faithful in giving you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ, the Light. Amen.

Questions for Reflection

How is God's presence experienced in a Christian's life?

Daily Awareness Reflection⁴

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 ...

³ 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.

⁴ Elizabeth Liebert, *The Soul of Discernment* (Louisville, KY: John Knox Press, 2015), 31.

Announcements

The church's financial obligations continue.

	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Income vs. Expenses +/-
May	\$45,751	\$42,877	\$2,874

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.

2023 Parking Passes are available for the Grove

You'll need a parking pass to park for our Lake worship services in June, July & August. For membership details and hours when you can get that taken care of, [see the town website](#). If you aren't a Brookline resident, contact Candy (secretary@bccnh.org, 603-801-5918) and she'll explain the system.

Meals on Wheels Dine Out Club for folks over 60

The Dine Out Club is a donation-based meal program for people over the age of 60, with a suggested donation of \$4.00 per meal.* Upon signing up, you will receive a Dine Out Club card which can be used for meals from a specially curated menu at a restaurant partner location. [More details are available here](#).

B – S.A.F.E.: Brookline - Special Assistance for Emergencies

If you have special accommodation needs or require special assistance during a possible or actual emergency within the town, the information would be helpful to local responders. This could include information on complicated medical condition or medical equipment, communication challenges such as hearing loss or inability to speak, etc. [The form](#) is completely voluntary. It should be returned to the Ambulance chief.

Critical Home Repair Program from Habitat for Humanity

The program provides home repairs to low to moderate income homeowners who are struggling to maintain their homes due to age, disability or family circumstances. The program focuses on health, life and safety code issues. It allows Habitat for Humanity to partner with families to help them reclaim their homes with pride, dignity, and in safety without being disrupted by the uncertainty, trauma and expense of moving. [More information and an application](#) are available on Habitat's website.

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 can help) and replace it later.

Horton Center Schedule for 2023 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.

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.

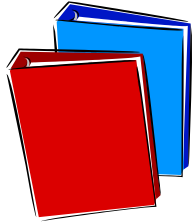
Help Lines

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

2023

Supply List for “Backpacks for Back to School”



- 2 inch- 3 Ring Binders -- required in High School
- Loose leaf filler paper
- Tabbed Dividers
- Spiral notebooks



- Handheld Pencil Sharpener
- Separate erasers
- Pens
- 12 inch Rulers
- Protractor or multi-piece Drafting package

- Scotch tape
- Staplers (mini or desk size)
- Student Scissors
- Safety Scissors for Younger Students



- Dry-Erase Markers for all grades

- Crayons (Boxes of 24)
- Colored pencils (Bright or Bold)
- Washable colored markers
- Pencil boxes or Pouches for elementary school children
- Lunch Boxes/Snack Bags for elementary school children



- Calculators for High School students
- Index Cards



And most important,

- New Backpacks for Boys and Girls
Grades Kindergarten
Thru 12th Grade
Thank you!