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Prelude: Psalm 105 by Poor Bishop Hooper

Call To Worship, Psalm 105:1-6,16-22, 45b, pp. 484 & 485:

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.

**All: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,

**All: O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

Leader: When he summoned famine against the land,
and broke every staff of bread,
he had sent a man ahead of them,
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

**All: His feet were hurt with fetters,
his neck was put in a collar of iron;
until what he had said came to pass,
the word of the LORD kept testing him.**

Leader: The king sent and released him;
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

**All: He made him lord of his house,
and ruler of all his possessions,
to instruct his officials at his pleasure,
and to teach his elders wisdom.**

Everybody: Praise the LORD!

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

Scripture Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, p. 30:

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

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[Hymn: Joseph's Coat by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice](#)

RED YELLOW GREEN BROWN BLUE SCARLET BLACK OCHRE PEACH
RUBY OLIVE VIOLET FAWN LILAC GOLD CHOCOLATE MAUVE CREAM
CRIMSON SILVER ROSE AZURE LEMON RUSSET GREY PURPLE WHITE
PINK ORANGE and BLUE!

Reflection on Genesis 37:1-4 or Children's Message (depending on how you look at it)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 37:5-11, p. 30:

Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said to them, 'Listen to this dream that I dreamed. There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf.' His brothers said to him, 'Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?' So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

He had another dream, and told it to his brothers, saying, 'Look, I have had another dream: the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me.' But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him, and said to him, 'What kind of dream is this that you have had? Shall we indeed come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow to the ground before you?' So his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

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Reflection on Genesis 37:5-11

A Prayer of Joys and Concerns:

The response to "Save us, O Lord," is "**we come to you.**"

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.]

Hymn: [Christ Be My Leader by Concordia Lutheran High School](#)

Christ be my leader by night as by day. Safe through the darkness for He is the way. Gladly I follow, my future His care. Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth, drifting or doubting, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him though sifting as sand. Doubt cannot daunt me, in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife. Death cannot hold me, for He is the life. Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its shame, can touch my salvation; with Jesus I reign!

Scripture Reading: Genesis 37:18-31, p. 30:

They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. He returned to his brothers, and said, 'The boy is gone; and I, where can I turn?' Then they took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood.

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Reflection on the Scripture:

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:**

**We give thanks to you, O Lord,
for your sustaining presence and abundant grace.
Receive now these gifts we bring to you
out of your generous provision in our lives.
May they be used to satisfy the hungry in famine,
relieve the oppressed in time of trouble,
and proclaim everywhere the
good news of your Son,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Hymn: O Master Let Me Walk With Thee by Amy Grant

Scripture Reading: Genesis 37:32-35, p. 30:

They had the long robe with sleeves taken to their father, and they said, 'This we have found; see now whether it is your son's robe or not.' He recognized it, and said, 'It is my son's robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces.' Then Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son for many days. All his sons and all his daughters sought to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and said, 'No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning.' Thus his father bewailed him.

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Reflection on Genesis 37:32-35, p. 30:

Announcements

A Prayer to Send us Back Out into the World

(a riff on Psalm 105:1-6,16-22, 45b)

Leader: Give thanks to God for all that God has done. Because God has always been there, in the middle of things, in the middle of danger, or bringing danger to the middle, whatever is needed to protect the hungry and oppressed. Remember what God has done.
Remember.

All: **Remember what God has done, because God's works create abiding astonishment. When we remember God's acts, we are healed, forgiven, ransomed, restored. We cannot believe it has happened, because such a turn around is not possible for mere humans. Remember.**

Leader: Poor memory makes for poor theology, so remember what God has done for God's children throughout time. Remember.

All: **Being God's chosen means we are servants to the world. Being chosen was not a one-time event, but an on going and eternal process. Remember.**

Leader: Egypt was a place of refuge at first, though we have forgotten that. Joseph arrived there as a slave and his life was saved. As his power grew, his policies allowed the rich years to see not only the Egyptians but the chosen ones through the famine times.
Remember.

All: **Even though the world today feels brutal and oppressive, just like the time before the chosen ones fled Egypt, Pharaoh raised up an outsider, an immigrant. From nothing, from a prisoner in chains, Joseph became a ruler over the Egyptians, a teacher to their wise ones. Remember.**

Everybody: We remember! 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.”

Scripture Reading: Genesis 37:36, pp. 30-31:

Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh’s officials, the captain of the guard.

Never Put a Period Where God has Placed a Comma or One Last Reflection

Postlude: God is in This Story by Katy Nichole and Big Daddy Weave

Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.

Notes:

Psalm 105

The psalm is divided into three parts: a doxological introduction (vv. 1-6), an extended inventory of divine miracles expressed in narrative form (vv. 7-44), and a brief but decisive conclusion (v. 45). The introduction focuses on “deeds” (v. 1), “wonderful works” (v. 2), and “wonderful works, miracles” (v. 5). These terms all bespeak an action that is beyond human capacity or explanation that depends only on the inscrutable power of God. The miraculous events remembered here were clearly acts of “abiding astonishment”; in generation after generation, the children of Abraham, as carriers of the divine promise, return to these old events for the sake of refreshed astonishment and gratitude.

The body of the psalm that names the miracle follows the general sequence of the Pentateuch, Israel’s normative memory: Abraham (vv. 7-16), Joseph (vv. 16-25), Moses and the plagues (vv. 26-36), the wilderness sojourn (vv. 37-41), and finally land entry (vv. 42-44). The whole is understood as promise and fulfillment. The present congregation of Israel in every generation understands itself within the arc of promise on the way to fulfillment.

The miracles that give the chosen ones life and identity are performed so that we should obey *torah* in every generation. The miracles evoke answer, and in answering each generation becomes the new generation of miracles. Thus the claim of an “eternal covenant” was designed precisely to counter the experience and trauma of discontinuity faced by the community. The claim of an eternal covenant of the land grant and this entire psalm is precisely a lyrical doxological antidote to the crisis of exile. Its conclusion is an assertion that the recipients of the guaranteed lands are then subject to obedience to the giver of the land.

Adapted from Walter Brueggemann and William H. Bellinger, Jr. *Psalms*, in *New Cambridge Bible Commentary* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014), 449-454.



PRAYER LIST (8/13/23)

- Friends & family of Jane Jukes, Scott Higgins, Ed Krom, Ron Whitebred, Chris Crowder, Morris Nicholson, Eddy Razzaboni, Flora Kenyon, Polly Foley, Ken Perrin.
- For Rick, Nancy's cousin, diagnosed with Stage 4 kidney cancer
- For Jen, the Aitken's friend, has tested clear for cancer and it on maintenance chemo going forward
- For Alex, Marjorie's friend, whose diagnosis at the Mayo Clinic means more chemotherapy to hopefully get a better handle on the cancer.
- 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
- For Kim, Donna's relative, whose liver transplant had a setback
- For Brandon, Jill & Kevin's friend, on the heart transplant list.
- 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
- For Jessica & Elianna, recovering together from a pair of broken arms
- For Mark, John Nicholson's brother, who's facing medical complications
- For Kevin, Kevin's dad, who's facing some medical issues
- For Leo, Amy's son George's friend, still recovering in the hospital
- For Allison, Megan's friend, who broke her elbow and her pelvis
- For Tim, Megan's friend, who passed out unexpectedly in the shower
- For Karl Crossman, Rena's son-in-law, home after a hospital stay
- For Nancy, Kym's sister, who's having a second hip replacement surgery on the same hip
- For Nancy, John Lee's roommate, who's facing a cancer diagnosis
- For a dear uncle, heading out to his own new house after years of living with the Irwins
- For those involved in the fatal accident on 101A, may they know the love that surrounds them.
- For Bob, Barbara's ex-husband, may his declining health not put too great a burden on their three girls
- For the people of Hawaii, facing wildfires and typhoons at the same time
- 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

God of my destiny, thank you for a new day in which your purpose will unfold. Send me now as your servant to succor the suffering and as your disciple to declare the good news of your Son. Help me to remember during times of testing that your word goes ahead of me and upholds me. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Son of God, this day has been crowded with work and service. This evening, bring me alone with you to the mountain to pray. Help me to know your reassuring presence with me through the night hours. May I come to you and rest in you. Amen.

Questions for Reflection

Why did Jesus send the disciples ahead while he stayed to pray alone in Matthew 14:22-33? How do times of turmoil and anxiety affect your trust in God?

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

Thanks for your generous support for the Backpack School Supplies

We donated over 400 items to help kids be ready to head back to school this fall.



Every Little Bit Helps – Helping Our Veterans: Donations due Sept 3.

The annual NH Stand Down Event for Veterans experiencing homelessness will be September 8. Please help us reach out and support our homeless and struggling veterans who have served our country and now need our assistance. The goal of this event is to connect our veterans experiencing homelessness to resources.

Outreach is asking for donations of **NEW** socks & underwear, blankets, long sleeve sweatshirts and sweatpants, outdoor clothing for the cold winter months coming up etc. These items will be handed out at the event so please remember all items need to be NEW. If you have gently used clothing items to donate, Outreach will find a home for them at one of the organizations we work with.

Please bring your donations (items or money) to the church by **Sunday, September 3rd**. 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 contact Amy Razzaboni to make other arrangements.

If you have any questions or want more information you can speak with any member of the Outreach Board or contact Amy Razzaboni at arazz3914@gmail.com.

We're looking for donations of:

- Market Basket food cards
- Gas cards
- Blankets
- Cold weather gear
- Sleeping bags
- Tents
- Tarps
- Can openers
- Utensils
- Quarters for laundry
- Laundry detergent
- Clean clothes – NEW, not used
- Socks
- Boots, Boots, Boots.
- Shoes and sneakers (dress shoes- for work)
- Dress shirts
- Dress slacks- casual work apparel-NEW
- Wipes & Tissues, First aid kits
- Travel Size hygiene items - female and male
- Water in cardboard containers
- Chargers- for phones with cords – \$10 at Walmart
- Readers- 1/2/3- glasses

Emptying the Dehumidifiers at the Church

If you're at the church, please take a minute to empty the dehumidifier in the basement or the back hall. The water gets emptied down the toilet.

Making Space for Newness in the Church

Churches have a habit of collecting items that bring joy for a while before converting to clutter. So if you have something that you think might be worth having appraised so it can go brighten someone else's life, please take it to the second floor Youth Room and leave it on the table that used to be in the Deacons' Room. Contact Susan Haight (sdlhaight@gmail.com) for more info.

Brookline's Food Pantry welcomes garden produce

If you've got extra produce from your garden, the Food Pantry would welcome it! Click [here for more details](#).

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](#).

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.

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

The church's financial obligations continue.

	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Income vs. Expenses +/-
June	\$51,136	\$49,469	\$1,667

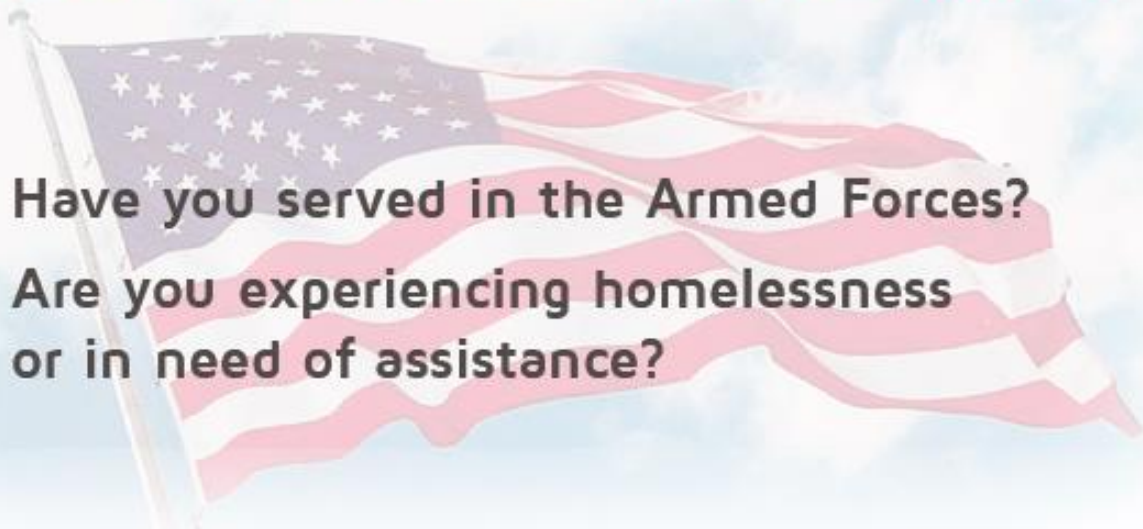
There are several ways to send your offering.

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.



NH STAND DOWN

A resource & service expo for former service members



Have you served in the Armed Forces?
Are you experiencing homelessness
or in need of assistance?

Help is available!

Employment Services
Medical Advice
Food

Clothing
Haircuts
Legal Advice

Pension Claims
Counseling
And More!

September 8, 2023 10am - 2pm

Double Tree, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03101

Transportation services will be provided by SSVF and the VA.

For more information contact: Andrea May
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