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Prelude

Call To Worship:

Leader: Beloved, may the Spirit guide us to
that which is true,
All: that we may be set free;
Leader: that which is honorable,
All: that we may rise above ourselves;
Leader: that which is just,
All: that we may stand in the breach for another;
Leader: that which is pure,
All: that we may live with integrity;
Leader: that which is pleasing,
All: that we may look beyond ourselves;
Leader: that which is commendable,
All: that we may seek to do God's will;
Leader: that which is excellent and worthy of praise,
All: that we may praise the name of the Lord forever.

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 or call/text (857) 259-7269.]

Hymn: #77 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Sacrament of Baptism for Miles Patrick Panto

Minister: What do we affirm about this ritual?

All: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.

Questions of the Candidates

Lighting of the Baptism Candle

Congregational Assent & Affirmation of Faith

Minister: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ?

All: We promise our love, support, and care.

Minister: Please join me in an Affirmation of Faith:
Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God.

Minister: Do you believe in Jesus?

All: I believe in Jesus.

Minister: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

The Act of Baptism

The Naming of the Child

Prayer for the Baptized

Hymn: *O Christ the Great Foundation (to the tune of #689 The Church's One Foundation)*

O Christ, the great foundation on which Your people stand
To preach Your true salvations in every age and land:
Pour out Your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
To keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
We bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth:
One holy people gathered in love beyond our own,
By grace we were invited, by grace we make You known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened where strong devour the weak,
Where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak,
There let Your church awaking attack the powers of sin
And, all their ramparts breaking, With You the victory win.

This is the moment glorious when He who once was dead
Shall lead His church victorious, their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation His heavenly kingdom brings,
The final consummations, The glory of all things.

Scripture Reading: Exodus 32:1-14, p. 69

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ' The LORD said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, 'O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." ' And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Reflection on the Scripture:

Hymn: #558 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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:**

**Creator God, you are our provider.
We offer all that we have
and all that we are to you,
because we belong to you.**

**Bless these gifts, and empower us, your church,
that through the work of your Spirit
we may be a refuge for the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the storm,
and a shade from the heat.**

Through Christ, our shield and our stronghold. Amen.

Announcements

Hymn: #45 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

A Prayer to Send us Back Out into the World

[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:

Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.



PRAYER LIST (10/15/23)

- Friends & family of Jane Jukes, Scott Higgins, Ed Krom, Ron Whitebred, Chris Crowder, Morris Nicholson, Eddy Razzaboni, Flora Kenyon, Polly Foley, Ken Perrin.
- For Dave Joki and Dave Flannery, both members of the Brookline Fire Department, both fighting cancer
- For Paul, John's friend, who's in a tough fight with cancer.
- For Kim, Donna's relative, whose liver transplant had a setback
- For Brandon, Jill & Kevin's friend, on the heart transplant list.
- For Mark, John Nicholson's brother, who's facing medical complications
- For Kevin, Kevin's dad, who's facing some medical issues
- For Tim, Megan's friend, recovering from medical setbacks
- For Nancy, John Lee's roommate, who's facing a cancer diagnosis
- For Bob, Barbara's ex-husband, may his declining health not put too great a burden on their three girls
- For the friends and family of Leo, Amy's son George's best friend, who passed away after a tough recovery from an accident
- For Tina, Barbara's friend, aggressively treating her breast cancer
- For a friend, figuring out a way to pay her rent
- For Dave Hoffman, recovering heart surgery on Thursday
- For Deb, Marjorie's relative, entering hospice care, may they ease her passing
- For Candy, looking for a diagnosis and a quick recovery from abdominal surgery
- For the friends and family of Patrick, Megan's relative, whose collapse while shopping has been followed by a fatal diagnosis.
- For the friends and family of Mary Bunker, may they know the love that surrounds them
- For the people of Israel and Palestine, may they find a way forward
- 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

Holy God,
you are light, and in you there is no darkness at all.
Shift my focus today
from whatever is false to that which is true;
from whatever is vulgar to that which is honorable;
from whatever is corrupt to that which is just;
from whatever is inauthentic to that which is pure;
from whatever is detestable to that which is pleasing;
from whatever is insignificant to that which is commendable;
that I may live in the light.
Through Christ Jesus I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God, your love is steadfast and enduring. May your peace, which surpasses all understanding, hem me in, behind and before, as I lie down to rest. Amen.

Questions for Reflection

Where has your trust in God wavered or broken down? What would it take for that trust to be restored? When have you experienced the peace of God, which passes understanding?

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 ...

¹ 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.

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

Announcements

Spaghetti Supper for the Ghost Train Rail Trail Race, Friday Oct. 13

The church will again be holding a fundraiser spaghetti supper for the community and runners who will be running through the weekend. Susan Haight (sdlhaight@gmail.com) is coordinating it. She'll be looking for donations of 5 sauces, garlic bread, and plenty of help. There's a sign up sheet in the Social Hall!

Christmas Raffle is Coming! Items Needed by Oct. 15

The signup sheets for the donations were looking for are available. We're hoping to have all the donations in by mid-October so we can take photos and begin spreading the word! Speak with Donna (dbret@charter.net) or Marjorie (mlapandrake@gmail.com) for more details!

Items needed (please give donations to Donna or Marjorie):

- Family Fun (older children (7+) to adult): Any games/puzzles/crafts/Legos etc. We already have adult & children's coloring books & simple puzzles.
- Spirits: Any liquor/wine/glasses
- Made In NH: Any item Made In NH (Brookline's Finest is a great source)
- Tea basket: Assorted Teas
- Sweet Treats: Any sweets (chocolate/candy/gum). We already have chocolate covered caramels, peanut M&Ms, chocolate covered cherries, Godiva milk chocolate assortment & Nerds.
- Monetary donation to purchase items for any prize

Senior Luncheon, Oct. 28

If you're interested in helping out, contact Amy (arazz3914@gmail.com). Or just joining our seniors for some great conversation and a great meal, please come to the Social Hall at 11:30am

Holiday Cards for the Military due back by Oct. 31

We are again joining the effort to send holiday cards to all five branches of the military. Rules for what to include and more advice and suggestions as well as a generous supply of cards are in the Social Hall.

Food Drive Donations due by Oct. 31

Fall is already upon us and the Holidays are just around the corner! Families are continuing to struggle with the rising costs of food, rent, utilities and this time of year can become very stressful. Please help us lift some of the burden off of those in need.

For details about what's needed, see the list at the end of the bulletin.

Winter Clothing Exchange October 2023

Gently used Coats, Snowpants, Boots, Mittens, Sweaters & Scarves are available for the month of October 2023. First Come, First Serve Adult and Child sizes available. Contact Welfare@brooklinenh.us with questions

Pickup Dates: Tues/Thurs 10a-2p; Wed 6-8p

Pickup Location: Food Pantry, Town Hall, 1 Main Street Brookline, NH

Faith Formation: A Way to Deepen Your Connection with God: Nov. 5, 8:30a

We will be offering faith formation sessions once a month. In addition to the activities designed for the kids, we'll be offering a separate track of reflections on Christian Faith Practices for the adults.

We meet at 8:30am on Sunday mornings: 11/5, 12/10 (moving from 12/3 because the Christmas Faire is later that day), 1/7, 2/4, 3/3, 4/14 (moving from 4/7 because I usually take the Sunday after Easter off), 5/5, 6/2

There's a task list in the Social Hall if you could help with a church project

Some are bigger than others; some will require supplies that the church will provide. If you have a few hours and would be willing to take on a task, we would appreciate the help!

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

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For the month of October, Outreach will be collecting food items and paper products to benefit the Brookline Food Pantry and SHARE of Milford, who also supports our Brookline Community.

See the list below of the most needed items in preparation for the Holiday Season:

- Butter
- Holiday food-stuffing, gravy etc.
- Canned Vegetables
- Spaghetti sauce
- Canned Whole Tomatoes (not diced)
- Pasta
- Salad dressing
- Rice boxes-pilaf, Spanish rice
- Flour & sugar
- Salt, Pepper and spices
- Paper Towels
- Kleenex

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 6th 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

Thank You,

Outreach Board
Brookline Community Church

The church's financial obligations continue.

	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Income vs. Expenses +/-
September	\$102,357	\$73,874	\$28,483

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.

Brookline Community Church

2023 Pledge

Where is Brookline Community Church headed?

- Continue turning our faith into actions that benefit our community
- Deepen our faith through ministry, witness, and shared learning experiences
- Share the fellowship bubbling up among us more broadly within and without
- Learn and practice invitation in traditional and unexpected ways

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: (____) _____-_____

Street Address: _____

Financial Support:

In response to God's gift of love through Christ and because I desire to support the church's ministries, I plan to give:

\$_____ each week / month / other _____ (please circle one)

or \$_____ as a one-time gift

I understand that this is an estimate of my ability to give and that if circumstances change, I can put a note in the offering plate or contact the Treasurer to adjust my pledge.

Please return your completed pledge form by Nov 12th, in the offering plate or by mail to:



Brookline Community Church
Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 507
Brookline, NH 03033