



*Brookline Community Church*  
*October 22, 2022*

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**[Prelude: Psalm 99 by Daniëlle van Laar](#)**

**Call To Worship, Psalm 99, pp. 480-481:**

Leader: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!  
The LORD is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.

**All: Let them praise your great and awesome name.  
Holy is he!**

Leader: Mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity;  
you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.

**All: Extol the LORD our God;  
worship at his footstool.  
Holy is he!**

Leader: Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.  
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

**All: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;  
they kept his decrees,  
and the statutes that he gave them.**

Leader: O LORD our God, you answered them;  
you were a forgiving God to them,  
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

All: **Extol the LORD our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the LORD our God is holy.**

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

**Children's Message: *Who can you recognize from behind?***

Hymn: [Moses Led the Crowd of Israel by DG Bible Songs](#)

Lord God has split the waters drying their ground  
So His people crossed them safe and sound  
He will also help me every day  
As He does for all who trust Him and who will obey

Lord God has kept His dear away from any bite  
Angels shut the lions mouth all night  
He will also guard me every day  
As He does for all who trust Him and who will obey

Lord God has freed His people from the slavery  
Broke the chains and crushed the enemy  
He will also help me every day  
As He does for all who trust Him and who will obey

Lord God is powerful, loving and He understands  
Wants to help and hears our demands  
He will also help you every day  
As He does for all who trust Him and who will obey

Or if we don't feel like jumping around as much

**[Hymn: If You But Trust in God to Guide You by Stacey Plays Hymns](#)**

If you but trust in God to guide you  
With gentle hand, through all your ways  
You'll find that God is there beside you  
When crosses come in trying days  
Trust then in God's unchanging love  
Built on the Rock that will not move  
What gain is there in anxious weeping  
In helpless anger and distress  
If you are in your Savior's keeping  
In sorrow will He love you less?  
For Christ Who took for you a cross  
Will bring you safe through every loss

The Lord our restless heart is holding  
In peace and quietness content  
We rest in God's good will unfolding  
What wisdom from on high has sent  
God, Who has chosen us by grace  
Knows very well the fears we face  
Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving  
Offer your service gratefully  
Trust Heaven's word, though underserving  
You'll find God's promise true to be  
This is our confidence indeed  
God never fails in time of need

### **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: God of Grace and God of Glory by Koine**

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy pow'r;  
Crown Thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flow'r;  
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of  
this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil 'round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of  
these days.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christlike graces in the fight to set men free  
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage, that we fail not man nor Thee, that we fail  
not man nor Thee.

### **Scripture Reading: Exodus 33:12-23, p. 70**

Moses said to the LORD, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight." Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.' He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' And he said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.'

The LORD said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.' Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The LORD"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But', he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.' And the LORD continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'

### **RESPONSE: #820 Threefold Amen (Danish)**

#### **Reflection on the Scripture:**

#### **Hymn: Show Me Your Glory by Third Day**

(chorus)

Show me Your glory, Send down your presence  
I wanna see your face  
Show me Your glory, Majesty shines about You  
I can't go on without You, Lord

#### **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 trust you, Lord God,  
to multiply the blessings these gifts represent,  
as we pour out your love and grace  
on those who long to hear your word to them,  
to see your power at work within them,  
to feel your comfort beside them,  
through the generous gifts of your Spirit. Amen.**

**Announcements**

**A Prayer to Send us Back Out into the World (a riff on Psalm 99)**

Leader: God reaches out to the whole world, a ruler to care for everyone.

**All: Let everyone know that God is set apart, not *from us* but *with us*, unlike any earthly ruler.**

Leader: Free us from the smallness of our concept of justice

**All: Transform us into people who can practice true equality and fairness.**

Leader: Unite all of us to worship in the true temple of God, caring for each other and the creation God gave us.

**All: God heard Moses and Aaron and Samuel praying and answered their prayers. Let us open our hearts to serve God in the same way.**

Leader: Let us imagine again life with God as king, a life centered on the honest dialogue of faith and a community based on justice and mercy.

**All: Forgive us our wrong doings, O God, and avenge those who have wronged us.**

Leader: Help us to remember and imagine what is possible in this world.

**All: Help us to expand our relationship with the Lord our God who is so holy and beyond description.**

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: Show Me Your Ways by Sapphire Singers**

(chorus)

Show me your ways  
That I may walk with you  
And give me the courage to stand like the brave  
Cause you're my guiding light  
When I'm alone in the dark  
My very helper in times of need  
Cause you and you alone I deserve

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

**Notes:**

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**Psalm 99**

The hymn begins with the enthronement formula “The LORD is King.” The correct response is cosmic trembling, since this king shakes loose all old forms of governance.

The celebration of God’s kingship is articulated in verses 1b-5. This section of the psalm nicely interweaves the two basic traditions of Israel. On the one hand, there is the Jerusalem tradition of God’s presence and attentiveness to the Israelite establishment. On the other hand, there is the Mosaic tradition of liberation, which is expressed as agent of “equity, justice and righteousness” for radical social transformation. The kingship of God combines the assurance of presence and the abrasion of liberation, refusing to let us choose between these accents.

Verses 6-7 link God’s kingship more decisively to the oldest tradition of Moses and Aaron, referring to the wilderness sojourn and to the Sinai commandments. Samuel is remembered as the one who insisted on the kingship of God in order to resist all human kings, whom he regarded as pretenders and as threats to and diminishment of the kingship of God.

The last element of the psalm (vv. 8-9) states the two-sidedness of this awesome kingship: God forgives, and God punishes. The juxtaposition is resolved in verse 9 with one more summons to worship. This is a call to the temple, for God’s overriding characteristic is holiness. The temple provides the means and opportunity for a meeting with the holy one. God’s enthronement makes holy presence accessible and makes righteous will more urgent. Neither emphasis can be minimized without distorting who this ruling one is.

Walter Brueggemann, *The Message of the Psalms: A Theological Commentary*. (Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1984), 148-149.



## PRAYER LIST (10/22/23)

- 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 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 a friend, figuring out a way to pay her rent
- For a family in transition
- For Dave Hoffman, recovering heart surgery
- For Deb, Marjorie's relative, entering hospice care, may they ease her passing
- For Candy, recovering from abdominal surgery helped by the news there was no cancer
- For the friends and family of Patrick, Megan & Jon's relative, may they know the love that surrounds them.
- For the friends and family of Mary Bunker, may they know the love that surrounds them
- For the friends and family of Nancy Roth, John's housemate, that they might 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: Morning<sup>1</sup>**

[*silence*]

I listen quietly, Lord, and the morning sounds of creation draw me to you. It is then that I hear your voice, “I am pleased with you and I know you by name.” Sometimes it is difficult to fully receive your pleasure in me, to grasp that you are fond of me, even when I have nothing to show for myself. May I remember that I am yours today. Amen.

## **Household Prayer: Evening**

I fold up this day with gratitude, holding close to my heart those whose faith helped carry me through this day. Amen.

## **Questions for Reflection**

What does it mean to be an “imitator of Christ” (1 Thess. 1:6)? Who has influenced your life by the way that person “imitates” Christ, and how? What needs to happen within you to help you become an imitator of Christ?

## **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**

### **Trick or Treating at the Church: Oct. 31, 6:00-8:00pm**

We're looking for volunteers to hand out candy at the church (and donations of candy to hand out). Per our Safe Church policy, if you'd like to volunteer, we need to make sure your background checks are up to date. Contact Candy ([secretary@bccnh.org](mailto:secretary@bccnh.org) or 603-801-5918) if you're interested and she'll make sure we're all set.

### **Christmas Raffle is Coming! Items Needed by Oct. 15**

The signup sheets for the donations we're 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](mailto:dbret@charter.net)) or Marjorie ([mlapandrade@gmail.com](mailto:mlapandrade@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## Food Drive Donations Due 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 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](mailto:arazz3914@gmail.com) with any questions

Thank You,

Outreach Board  
Brookline Community Church

**The church's financial obligations continue.**

|           | Actual<br>Income | Actual<br>Expenses | Income vs.<br>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.

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**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