



Brookline Community Church
October 29, 2022

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Prelude: *Breathe on Us* by Ed Cash and Kari Jobe

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Our God is moving forever changing us
There is a trembling there is revival
The sound of worship so great and glorious
Holy Spirit hear us now

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Lift up your hands and shout
The Lord is with us now
Lift up your voice and sing
He is Holy **(repeat 4x)**

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Call To Worship

Leader: There is a shaking let hearts awaken
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**All: There is a trembling
there is revival**

Leader: The sound of worship so great and glorious

All: Holy Spirit hear us now

Leader: Breathe on us Holy fire fall

All: Come and fill this place with Your presence

Leader: Like a rushing wind send Your spirit here

All: Breath of Heaven breathe on us

Everybody: Breath of Heaven breathe on us

Children's Message: *What's the Best Halloween Candy?*

Hymn: *Babylon* by Don McLean

By the waters, the waters, of Babylon

We lay down and wept, and wept, for thee Zion

We remember, thee remember, thee remember, thee Zion (repeat)

Prayer for Lewiston, ME¹

Tolling of the Bell

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.]

¹ Prayer inspired Maine Council of Churches email "How Long, O Lord? How Long?" sent by the BTS Center, October 26, 2023.

Hymn: *Flawless by Mercy Me*

There's got to be more
Than going back and forth
From doing right to doing wrong
'Cause we were taught that's who we
are
Come on get in line right behind me
You along with everybody
Thinking there's worth in what you do
Then like a hero who takes the stage
when
We're on the edge of our seats
saying it's too late
Well let me introduce you to amazing
grace

Chorus

**No matter the bumps
No matter the bruises
No matter the scars
Still the truth is
The cross has made
The cross has made you flawless
No matter the hurt
Or how deep the wound is
No matter the pain
Still the truth is
The cross has made
The cross has made you flawless**

Could it possibly be
That we simply can't believe
That this unconditional
Kind of love would be enough
To take a filthy wretch like this

And wrap him up in righteousness
But that's exactly what He did

Chorus

Oh Yeah oooh-ooo-ooo oooh-
oooo-oooo
Take a breath smile and say
Right here right now I'm ok
Because the cross was enough

oooh-oooo-oooo
And like a hero who takes the stage
when
We're on the edge of our seats
saying it's too late
Well let me introduce you to grace
grace
God's grace

Chorus

No matter what they say
Or what you think you are
The day you called His name
He made you flawless
He made you flawless

No matter the bumps
No matter the bruises
No matter the scars
Still the truth is
The cross has made
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Scripture Reading: Psalm 23 (let's read it together)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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

Hymn: *Come as You Are* by David Crowder, Ben Glover, Matt Maher

Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come broken hearted
Let rescue begin
Come find your mercy
Oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal

Chorus

So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table

Come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't cure

Chorus

Come as you are
Fall in his arms
Come as you are
There's joy for the morning
Oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal

Chorus

Chorus

Come as you are
Come as you are
Come as you are

Reflection on the Scripture:

Hymn: *Go Down Moses* by Paul Robeson

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:**

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table
Come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't cure.

Let our offering bring that truth to where it is needed. Amen.

Announcements

A Prayer to Send us Back Out into the World

Leader: Breathe on us Holy fire fall.

All: Come and fill this place with your presence.

Leader: No matter what they say or what we think we are

All: The day we called his name, he made us flawless

Leader: So lay down our burdens, lay down our shame

All: Lay down our hearts and come as we are

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All: We are wanderers come home, who have not gone too far

Leader: The day we called his name, he made us flawless

All: No matter the bumps, no matter the bruises, no matter the scars

Leader: Come and fill this place with your holy presence.

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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: *Breathe on Us* by Ed Cash and Kari Jobe

Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.



PRAYER LIST (10/29/23)

- 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 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 Hailey, Candy & Tony's daughter, having kidney stone surgery, may she recover quickly and completely
- For Olivia, a twelve-year-old friend of Jessica, having meniscus surgery
- For Zane, Jessica's relative, holding his own off life support in Knoxville, as they look for a more suitable trauma center in Atlanta
- For Buddy, a long-time resident of Brookline, and all those who are supporting him as he copes with cancer.
- For the people of Lewiston, ME, as they weave their community back together.
- 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: Morning²

From everlasting to everlasting you are God. Carry me today in your steadfast love that I may rejoice and be glad all my days, living life fully without fear of the end. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Eternal God, a thousand years in your sight are like this day gone by, years swept away like a dream. May I rest in the assurance that even in the sleep of death, I will be awakened to an eternal morning, through the power of Christ, the resurrection. So let it be.

Questions for Reflection

Where has God seemed to lead you to the edge of your “promised land” and then appeared to be holding you back from entering? What could this be saying about God? What effect could this have on your faith?

Daily Awareness Reflection³

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 ...

² 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.

³ 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 or 603-801-5918) if you're interested and she'll make sure we're all set.

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

November Take Home Meal: Creamy Roasted Butternut Squash Pasta Bake with Sausage and Spinach, Nov. 3

Makes you hungry just to read the description. Let Nancy Dunbar (dunbar4@juno.com) know if you can contribute ingredients or want to order a few!

Daylight Savings Ends Nov. 5: Fall back

Don't forget to reset your clocks and change the batteries in your smoke detectors!

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

Brookline Senior Citizen Active Walking Program details for 2023-2024

The Hampshire Dome is open for seniors to walk during the winter. For more details, [click here](#).

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