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Prelude:

Welcome & Right Hand of Fellowship

Extend a greeting to those nearby

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May we rise up with friendliness to all people, even those who are unfriendly to us.

All: O God, renew our strength.

Leader: May we rise up with courtesy to all people but especially to the elderly, the disabled, and little children.

All: O God, renew our strength.

Leader: May we rise up with the courage to do what is right and to be brave in working for justice.

All: O God, renew our strength.

Leader: May we rise up with reverence for God who values all Creation; for reverence for people, for animal life, for the earth and all its resources—all precious in God's sight.

All: O God, renew our strength.

Leader: You have promised that those who wait for God will run and not be weary, shall walk and not faint.

All: O God, renew our strength to rise up with wings like eagles to serve our community.

Children's Message: *What are you too little to do?*

[Hymn: #568 Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated](#)

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.]

Prayer for the Work of the Church

This week we ask for prayers to support a lifetime of Scouting in our community.

[Hymn: Jesus Calls Us](#)

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea, day by day His sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian follow Me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying "Christian, love Me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still He calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love Me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies, Saviour may we hear Thy call, give our heart to Thine obedience, serve and love Thee best of all.

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10, pp. 609-610

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the LORD said to me,

'Do not say, "I am only a boy";
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.'

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth;
and the LORD said to me,
'Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.'

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

Reflection on the Scripture:

[Hymn: #584 Have Thine Own Way, 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:**

Loving God who sits above the circle of the earth
you have given us so many gifts.
We promise that these offerings will not be the end of our giving.
We will also invest our time and abilities
in your work of healing, comforting, teaching and guiding.
Bless each gift, whatever its size,
and multiply the good to be done
through our talents and treasure. Amen.

Announcements

[Hymn: #418 America, the Beautiful](#)

A Prayer to Send us Back Out into the World

Leader: God calls us to speak the truth,
even when it is difficult,
to others but also to ourselves.
Confessing our faults,
we dare to speak the truth about ourselves to God,
who desires to deliver us and to cast out fear.

**All: We confess that we are too reluctant
to speak and to live according to our truest selves.
We grow comfortable with the way things are,
passively condoning injustice.
We find it easier to pluck up and pull down,
to destroy and overthrow,
than to build and to plant.
Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples.
Empty us of fear and shame,
and fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind.**

Leader: God has loved us since the beginning,
and God's love for us will never end.
Do not fear, therefore,
but have faith in God's steadfast love,
God's healing power,
and God's ability to make all things new.

All: Through the love of God, we are forgiven.

[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 (3/9/2025)

- Friends & family of Ken Perrin, Alice Krom, Dave Flannery, Marc Searles, Steve Pearson, Dave Fessenden, Ken Hower. Richard Dupont, Sr.. Joanne Hower, Allan Fessenden.
- For Dave Joki, member of the Brookline Fire Department, fighting cancer
- For Charlie, Yifan's friend, who needs a strong and steady recovery to avoid further medical intervention
- For Ron, another of Yifan's friends, who has bladder cancer
- For McKenzie, Jessica's relative, struggling with seizures
- For the friends and family of Warren Razzaboni, Amy's relative
- For friends and family of Maurice, Sharon Nicholson's dad, may they know the love that surrounds them
- For Carolyn, Jakub's American mother, recovering from two broken femurs
- For Jen Colgan, Kevin & Jill's friend, returning to battle with colon cancer
- For Harry, Donna's friend, entering dialysis in his nineties
- For Corin, Kym's friend, facing the end of a tough pregnancy, may everything go well until her due date in March
- For Mary, Donna's friend, who is facing new challenges after her dad fractured a hip and dementia is preventing his full recovery
- For Julie and her grandmother, Ava's friends, who are recovering from a fall while struggling with dementia
- For Jennifer, Jill's friend who is starting chemo
- For Amy's nephew Luca, facing new health concerns
- For Pope Francis who is suffering from double pneumonia
- In the 2/23 worship service, Jessica asked for prayers for the family who unexpectedly lost both parents, leaving five children orphaned. Several people asked if there was a more worldly way to help. This [GoFundMe site](https://gofund.me/0b75c1bd) (<https://gofund.me/0b75c1bd>) was set up by their mother before her passing.
- For the Avent Family of Brookline as they recover from medical emergencies. If you are able to help, sign up at <https://www.giveinkind.com/inkinds/O5M8W3Y/ian-and-allison-avent-brookline-nh>
- For the peace talks between Israel and Gaza, may they lead those communities forward into a better future
- For the people of Ukraine, who fight on, even as the world looks elsewhere
- For the people of Taiwan
- For those who have no one to pray for them, accept our prayers
- Individuals serving in our military & their families

Household Prayer: Morning¹

God, you have given me the gift of another day; may I live it in gratitude. Help me to be loving to others, to Earth, and to myself; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy One, this day is drawing to an end. Be with me as I pause and ponder all the love I saw and received today. Help me to see you in each moment of love. Where I fell short of being patient and kind, help me to feel your patience and kindness toward me, and give me peace, as I give this day back to you. Amen.

Questions for Reflection

In Jesus' first sermon (Luke 4:21-30), he referred to two scriptural stories to illustrate God's love. Why did that so enrage the congregation that they wanted to kill him? Do some of Jesus' teachings still enrage us today?

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 ...

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

3/7, 3:30-5 Take Home Meals & Girl Scout Cookies: Can It Get Any Better?!?

We'll be offering two take home meals for pick up as well as helping the local Girl Scouts with their cookie drive. If you can help with ingredients or have questions for the THMs, see Megan (kingmegan7@gmail.com). We'll let you know how to order the cookies in advance if you want to be sure of your choices!

3/8 1:00pm, Church History- Megan Menard and Susan Haight (trusteechair@bccnh.org) will be meeting at the church at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2025 to start gathering and organizing the church's historical documents. If you love historical research and want to learn more about our church, please join them on March 8th.

3/15, 11:30am Senior Luncheon celebrating St. Patrick's Day!

Corned Beef & Cabbage and a great opportunity to get together. Put it on your calendars!

3/16, 8:30am Faith Formation is Exploring Lent

This year's Faith Formation program is well underway! We'll meet at 8:30am on 3/16, 4/13 (9:30am), 5/18, 6/1.

3/16, 4:30pm Book Group discussion of Anthony Doerr's *All the Light We Cannot See*

We're looking for hosts for these meetings, so if you'd be willing, please let Sanjay (sgcherian@gmail.com) know:

- March 16: Chs. 49: Flying Couch - 95: Relapse
- March 30: Chs. 96: Someone in the House - 152: Final Sentence
- April 13: Chs. 153: Music #1 - the end of the book

3/31, 2:00 & 6:30pm Brookline Public Library Book Group: Robert Frost Poems

There's a special event coming up at the Library on April 7, 6:30pm where there will be a speaker on Frost's poetry. Join the book group for a little review before the event.

4/7, 6:30pm *A Walk in the Woods* at the Brookline Public Library

In celebration of both Robert Frost and the natural world around us, author and poet Jeffrey Zygmunt recites a selection of Frost's nature poems, emphasizes their beauty, explains their significance, and describes how they deepen our understanding and appreciation of New Hampshire's natural environment.

4/17 Maundy Thursday Choir Rehearsals

We'll be worshipping in Mason on Maundy Thursday, with the Mason & Hollis churches. Julie Oliver, Hollis' minister of music, is inviting anyone who would like to be a part of the choir to come to rehearsals in Hollis on Thursdays April 3 & 10 at 7:00 pm to rehearse.

5/3 BCC Gardens Clean up – Save the Date!

We'll be rolling up our sleeves to help the church put its best face forward. We could use all the elbow grease we can muster. Susan (trusteechair@bccnh.org) can answer all your questions!

5/17 Breakfast Buffet & Yard Sale – Save the Date & Share Your Treasures

We're supporting the wonderful work of Home, Health & Hospice. If you have some treasures which are ready to go to another home, please drop them off at the church from 9:00am – noon, April 26th, May 3rd and May 10th. See Amy (arazz3914@gmail.com) for more details.

5/18, 11:15am Quarterly All Church Meeting on Increasing Church Vitality

Enhancing the vitality of our church should yield all kinds of benefits: spiritual, financial, practical. But it's easy to keep doing the same things because they seem to need doing and we don't explore new opportunities to change and grow because we're too busy. At January's Annual Meeting, we agreed to meet quarterly as a church to help us maintain our focus on what will help us the most to fulfill God's purpose for this church. See Candy (moderator@bccnh.org) for more details.

Looking for Help to Spruce up the Church's Exterior

Brookline is already planning its contribution to the nation's 250th birthday party in 2026. We'd like the church to put its best face forward. We'll be looking to speak with folks who can help us improve the look of the exterior, as well as finding sources of funding to help pay for that. If you're able to help, please speak with Susan Haight (sdlhaight@gmail.com).

Email Scams may appear to come from the church!

You may get an email that appears to come from the church or Rev. Cath asking for money or gift cards. We won't ever do that, so you can ignore them.

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 there's anyone who could use some help from the Food Pantry, please let 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 +/-
February	\$12,367.82	\$18,741.92	(\$6,374.10)

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.

