



*Brookline Community Church*

*Palm Sunday*

*March 28, 2021*

*Reverend Catherine A. Merrill, Minister*

Every part of worship has a video, so we've gathered them [together in a play list](#). [If you click on "Play All"](#), they'll play from the beginning of the service to the end! And you can just follow along, never clicking on another link. Or you can go through clicking on all the individual links – your choice.

**Prelude: [Nearer Still Nearer](#) by The Kravets Brothers Brass Quintet**

[An instrumental piece to help you get settled for worship]

**[Mark 11:7-10](#)**

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

## Centering Ourselves for Worship:<sup>1</sup>

[Join Susan and Russell Haight, today's lay leaders, [in our centering prayer.](#)]

Leader: Surprising God,

**All: you come into our lives in ways we do not expect.**

Leader: We ask for success;

**All: you teach us acceptance.**

Leader: We ask to be loved;

**All: you ask us to love.**

Leader: We ask for ease;

**All: you challenge us.**

Leader: We ask for a triumphant Messiah

**All: you come as one obedient to death.**

Leader: We glorify the winner;

**All: you glorify the loser,  
Who died on a criminal's cross.**

Leader: Walk among us, surprising God of peace.

**All: Sanctify our joys and our successes;  
turn our hearts to you.**

Leader: At the name of Jesus, we bow before you.  
May your name be glorified in your church,

**All: Now and always.  
Amen.**

## Hymn: *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

[[Click here](#) for a video that will give you the lyrics and someone to sing with. It's pretty joyful and loud.]

If you have a favorite hymn you'd like to include in our worship service, just send it along and I'll look for a good place for it.]

## Lifting up Our Joys and Concerns:

[Rev. Cath [sharing our joys and concerns.](#)]

Jesus suffered death and rose to glory for the life of the world.

Let us lift up our hearts in thanks to God and pray for the cares of the world,  
saying,

Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.

Holy God, your son humbled himself, even to death,  
to show us the power of loving service.

Guide those holding positions of power,

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<sup>1</sup> Today's Centering Prayer and Prayer of Dedication were inspired by Ruth C. Duck's "Litany for Palm Sunday" and "Offering Sentence and Prayer for Palm Sunday" in *Touch Holiness* edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi (New York: Pilgrim Press, 1990), 73-74.

that their decisions give rise to the mutual flourishing  
of the world you so love.

Save us, O Lord, **for your mercy is great.**

Loving God, your son celebrated with others,  
Even as he was betrayed in this holy week so long ago.

Remind us to pray for those lifted up with joy,

For the folks at Harbor Care we were able to help through Outreach and  
the nice thank you note we received from Tom Arnold,

For beginning to gather together again in the sanctuary, hopefully we'll be  
able to see more folks there with time,

For everyone who participated in the Senior Luncheon, helping to enjoy  
and serve 48 meals,

For all the donations to Janice's Place and the Food Pantry that have  
come in recent weeks,

For Molly, Barbara's granddaughter, returning to in person learning,

For outdoor bike rides when we're not all bundled up,

For the discipline of patience to wait for God's message,

In this dark week, remind us how joy was a part  
Of Jesus's ministry.

Save us, O Lord, **for your mercy is great.**

Healing God, your son is betrayed and crucified  
in our violent world each day.

Raise us to a new and rightly ordered world  
through the reconciling love of Christ,  
where all victims of violence, persecution,  
shame, or terror may stand together with you in peace.

Save us, O Lord, **for your mercy is great.**

Forsaken God, as your son suffered his cruel death  
on the cross,

darkness covered the whole land.

Enlighten us to care for your creation,  
awaken us from our denial and abuse,  
and help us to alleviate its suffering.

Save us, O Lord, **for your mercy is great.**

Grieving God, your son consoled others in life and in death.

We pray for those weighed down with concerns,

For the Family and Friends of Heidi Gonterman, Candy's cousin, who died at 44 of an overdose,

For the Family and Friends of George R. Boggis, Peter's friend and member of the community, who passed away after a short struggle with cancer,

For Monica, Donna's niece, whose dad, Andy, passed away,

For Candy, who had to put down her dear dog Daisy; we all know how much love runs around on four paws,

For Sanjay's friend in the U.K. who lost his job and housing and is struggling week to week to find a place to stay with friends,

For Mary Beth, Lynn Giblin's sister, who's battling Covid and a high temperature

We pray for all who are distressed, broken, or sorrowful, that together with Christ in his suffering we may be healed and raised in you.

Save us, O Lord, **for your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, your son was lovingly cared for as he was laid to rest in a tomb.

We remember before you those who have died and pray for those who will die today; enfold them in your love,

that they may rest and rise with Christ forever in his light.

Save us, O Lord, **for your mercy is great.**

We ask all this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

[\[The Lord's Prayer\]](#)

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 (978) 494-6953.]

## Hymn: *Here is Our King* by David Crowder Band

[[Click here](#) for a video that will give you the lyrics and someone to sing with.]

## Prayer of Dedication for the Gifts We've Been Given

[[Let's pray together.](#)]

Leader: God of all true power and glory, we thank you that Jesus Christ came to Jerusalem not with a sword to challenge the power of this world, but with love, recognizing your authority in human life. Enable your church to choose your ways, winning the victory over sin and death. Establish your righteous realm on earth.

All: **Use our gifts and our lives to your glory, through Jesus, who comes in your name.**  
**Amen.**

## Hymn: *Hosanna* by Paul Baloche

[[Click here](#) for a video that will give you the lyrics and someone to sing with.]

## Scripture Reading of Mark 15:1-41 with reflections

*We know the story of Jesus' betrayal and execution. But when we hear it as a story that happened long ago to someone else, it loses some of its power. So let's hear it again, and step into the account in the shoes of some of the main characters.*

### Mark 15:1-5

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

### **Reflection of Pilate**

Pilate is a bureaucrat. He has the power to tax and the authority to call in the army. In the entire Passion narrative, he is the guy with the most earthly power. He knows the religious authorities are trying to manipulate him into being the bad guy with this crowd favorite, this Jesus of Nazareth. He knows Jesus is innocent of the charges that have been trumped up against him. Yet with all his power and authority, with all his privilege, Pilate doesn't use his voice. He doesn't tell the religious authorities to do their own dirty work. He doesn't defend justice and offer anything other than a show trial. He doesn't stand up to the crowd he is

afraid of. When it most matters, when power and privilege could most make a difference, Pilate loses his voice and become an echo of those around him.<sup>2</sup>

In that same moment, Jesus points out that Pilate knows what is going on. Then Jesus keeps his silence. That silence points out that there is no bridge of words that can be built between Pilate and Jesus until Pilate moves.<sup>3</sup>

Let us reflect on the echo and the silence.

### **Mark 15:6-15**

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

### **Reflection of Barabbas**

We know nothing more of Barabbas than what we read in Scripture. Arrested for some kind of activity against the state, maybe violent, maybe not, Barabbas has the crowd behind him. Maybe the crowd formed on its own, maybe Barabbas knew some social influencers and got the crowd ready in case an opportunity arose. We know that Barabbas is called a rebel who committed murder. Jesus calls us to live in the real world, so we know that sometimes the people who are called rebels and even murderers by the authorities are not guilty as charged.

So if a justice system is frightened of a crowd and is willing to substitute a man it knows is innocent for a crowd favorite, is there justice in that system anymore? And if there is not justice, then how can anyone not be afraid of either the system or the crowd?

Let us reflect on innocence and justice systems.

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<sup>2</sup> Halford E. Luccock, "The Gospel According to St. Matthew: Exposition," vol. 7 in *The Interpreter's Bible: The Holy Bible in the King James and Revised Standard Versions with General Articles and Introduction, Exegesis, Exposition for Each Book of the Bible*, ed. George Arthur Buttrick, (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1951), 896.

<sup>3</sup> William Barclay, *The Gospel of Mark*. (Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1975), 355.

### **Mark 15:16-20**

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

### **Reflection of the Soldiers**

On this horrible day, Jesus was mocked so many times. He was mocked in the courtyard between his sham trial before the religious authorities and his sham trial before the civil authorities. He was mocked by the soldiers. He was mocked on the Cross. We mock someone to dehumanize them, to separate their suffering from our lives. Compare to the beating from the religious authorities, the scourging Pilate condemned him to, carrying the heavy cross bar of the cross, and crucifixion itself, what the soldiers did was little more than name calling.

Yet dehumanizing allows all that other brutal violence to happen. This is not holding someone to account, saying you claim to be something you clearly are not. Jesus never sought to be the King of the Jews and everyone knew it. Or everyone went along with it and never thought for themselves. How often do we mock without thinking for ourselves? What happens when we put the snarking we do into the middle of this Passion story? Are we comfortable with where it ends?

Let us reflect on mockery and violence.

### **Mark 15:21-24**

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

### **Reflection of Simon of Cyrene**

Cyrene is in North Africa, what is now Libya. Chances are that Simon made a pilgrimage to be in Jerusalem for Passover. The last thing in the world he would have planned on was being grabbed by a soldier and forced to carry the heavy cross of a condemned man. But you didn't say "no" to Roman soldiers. You just did what you had to do and got back to your original plans as quickly as possible.

But we know he was the father of Alexander and Rufus. How do we know his sons' names if he had returned to Cyrene after his pilgrimage?<sup>4</sup> Sometimes your original plans are not what you return to. Sometimes something intervenes and your original plans get trashed. A chance encounter changes the course of your life forever, changes the place that you raise your family and live out the rest of your life.

Let us reflect on our original plans and a chance encounter with Jesus.

### **Mark 15:25-32**

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

### **Reflection of the Bandits**

Jesus was not crucified alone, there were two bandits, one on either side. The crowd mocked Jesus. The bandits taunted him.

This silhouette of the three crosses on Calvary should constantly remind us that the Seeker and Savior of men belongs among those who need to be saved.<sup>5</sup> Whether we are the bandits, the chief priests, the scribes or just faces in the crowd.

Let us reflect on salvation and who needs it.

### **Mark 15:33-39**

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

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<sup>4</sup> Barclay, 360-361.

<sup>5</sup> Luccock, 904.



## **Reflection of the Centurion**

If Jesus had refused the Cross or, in the end, come down from the Cross, that would have meant there was a limit to God's love.<sup>6</sup> It would have meant there was a line beyond which God's love would not go. But Jesus went the whole way and died on the Cross. Jesus made it plain that there is nothing in all the universe that God's love is not prepared to suffer for us, there is nothing that God's love is not prepared to bear.

The plain fact of that love, that it was willing to die such a brutal death in all innocence, so we would never have to wonder if we are included in that love, is enough to turn someone around. The centurion, who has seen so much death and violence, who has been an agent of a violent empire, under orders, not a follower of the God of Israel, he is the one who is turned around.<sup>7</sup> He is the one who sees what that love makes plain.

Let us reflect on God's love and suffering.

### **Mark 15:40-41**

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

## **Reflection of the Women**

They have come so far, physically, spiritually. They are a group of women, outsiders because they are women in a patriarchal society, Galileans from up north in the capitol city of Jerusalem. They have followed Jesus and provided for him throughout his ministry. And all the other disciples have fled, leaving Jesus alone on that Cross.

The easy thing, the normal thing, the human thing to do is to throw up their hands and say, "Never mind." To say, "Well, maybe we were wrong." To say, "We can't go on believing the way we have."<sup>8</sup>

But they didn't. They did what Jesus had asked them to do, taught them to do. They lived in the real world, they watched it all. In a situation where evil triumphed, they didn't turn away, they didn't pretend it was right. Even in the face of what was so hideously wrong, they were going to witness Jesus' life to the end.

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<sup>6</sup> Barclay, 362-363.

<sup>7</sup> Philip Ruge-Jones, "Gospel: Commentary on Mark 14:1-15:47", Working Preacher "Lectionary Commentaries for March 25, 2018, Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)", <https://www.workingpreacher.org/?print-all=29440%2C29444%2C29442%2C29443> (accessed 3 January 2021).

<sup>8</sup> Luccock, 908.

Later they would gather, and they would be a part of that tiny movement of frightened people. They would be part of the group who proclaimed that iron nails were not the final power in the universe.

Let us reflect on the power of witness and iron nails.

**Charge to Send us Back Out into the World**

Go out into the world during this Holy Week, bearing today's Scripture readings and reflections in your life. Carry the reflections of Pilate, Barabbas, the Soldiers, Simon of Cyrene, the bandits, the Centurion, and the women into this world, to make this week a Holy Week as well. Let the same mind be in you that was in Jesus Christ. Go forth in peace to love and serve the world. Amen.

**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."**

[The Music Ministry crew made this bit of video for us, so we could all sing together, with each other and our former selves!]

**Postlude: Is He Worthy? by Andrew Peterson**

[No lyrics, but feel free to sing along and let it help you gear up to return to the world.]

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



## PRAYER LIST (03/28/21)

If you know those on this list, call on them & tell them we are praying for them. If you know others who should be added to this list please give their names to the minister or a deacon.

- Friends & family of Jerry King, Tre Rouse, Tasha Feller, Pat Tiner, Terry House, Rev. Tom Atherton, June Hoff and Dave Larkin.
- Luca, Amy's nephew, as his new treatment appears to be having effect
- Those affected by the corona virus and those working to limit its impact
- Those suffering from domestic violence, who are caught at home with their abusers at a time of rising stress, that they might find safe havens.
- For everyone to stay as healthy as they can in the days to come
- For the friends & families of those who have died alone;
- For our church, that we remain patient with the process of re-opening;
- For the Family and Friends of Heidi Gonterman, Candy's cousin, who died at 44 of an overdose,
- For the Family and Friends of George R. Boggis, Peter's friend and member of the community, who passed away after a short struggle with cancer,
- For Monica, Donna's niece, whose dad, Andy, passed away,
- For Candy, who had to put down her dear dog Daisy; we all know how much love runs around on four paws,
- For Sanjay's friend in the U.K. who lost his job and housing and is struggling week to week to find a place to stay with friends,
- For Mary Beth, Lynn Giblin's sister, who's battling Covid and a high temperature
- For those who have no one to pray for them, accept our prayers;
- Individuals serving in our military & their families

## **Household Prayers for Holy Week<sup>9</sup>**

### **Palm Sunday Household Prayer: Morning**

Jesus, in your passion and resurrection, you show me there is no place you have not been and no place you fear to go. Morning by morning, you awaken me more deeply to this truth. Send me into the world this day with the courage and wisdom to be a faithful witness to your coming reign of justice, mercy, and peace. Amen.

### **Palm Sunday Household Prayer: Evening**

Although I have sought to serve you this day, I have failed to keep your love. You know my strengths and weaknesses more than I; reveal them to me that I may be healed this night and begin afresh tomorrow. Amen.

### **Maundy Thursday Household Prayer: Morning**

Each day, O Lord, I wash my feet, my hands, and head almost without thinking. It is a routine of the morning, ordinary, even perfunctory. This morning, make me newly aware of the water that pours out and over, spilling in abundance, washing me clean. As I go through this day, place before me an opportunity to serve someone—family member, friend, neighbor, or stranger. Help me bend to another's need without seeking gain or advantage. And, if someone should offer to serve me in some way, give me a heart open and vulnerable enough to receive what is offered in kindness, all for love's sake, which is for your sake. Amen.

### **Maundy Thursday Household Prayer: Evening**

God of love, thank you for knowing us fully and loving us to the end. On this night of the Christian year especially, I am grateful to be part of the community of Jesus' disciples. Thank you for all those who handed the faith on to me, and those who continue to teach me by example what it means to serve you and to serve one another. Thank you for making a place for me at your table, even though I fall short of what you have called me to be and to do. In evening's rest, I remember that, for Jesus, no rest would come this night or tomorrow. Yet, in forgiveness and love, he is with us always: the light shining in the darkness. Amen.

### **Good Friday Household Prayer: Morning**

In you, O God, our ancestors trusted; they cried to you, and you delivered them. Hear my cry this day and deliver me from evil, until I rise to meet you on the day of resurrection. Amen.

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<sup>9</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.

## **Good Friday Household Prayer: Evening**

On you, O God, I was cast from birth; since my mother bore me you have been my God. Keep me safe this night and hold me at your breast, until I rise to meet you on the day of resurrection. Amen.

## **Questions for Reflection**

The passion of Christ is a story of terror in which, against all odds, love wins. How might this story reshape your week, your life, our world? Where will you commit to letting love win? How will this change your life?

## **Daily Awareness Reflection<sup>10</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>10</sup> Elizabeth Liebert, *The Soul of Discernment* (Louisville, KY: John Knox Press, 2015), 31.

## Announcements:

Please shop [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose Brookline Community Church as your charity to support the church. Thanks!

The church's financial obligations continue. If you are able, please mail your offering to: Brookline Community Church, PO Box 507, Brookline, NH 03033.

	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Income vs. Expenses +/-
February	\$18,520	\$14,242	\$4,277

## All people age 50+ are now in Phase 2b for COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

Phase 2b began scheduling on March 22 at 8:00am. [Use this page to determine in what phase you belong](#) and for further directions.

**I will be having knee surgery on April 15.** I'll be out of the pulpit through May 30th, though I may start back in other capacities a bit before that. If you need anything and aren't sure where to go, please contact Candy Tiner, the church secretary ([secretary@bccnh.org](mailto:secretary@bccnh.org), 603-801-5918) or Jill Aitken, chair of the Deacons ([jgoods4@gmail.com](mailto:jgoods4@gmail.com), 973-713-7832) and they will get you to the right person.

**The March/April edition of *The Upper Room*** is available in the mail room, if you're looking for a printed daily Scripture reading and reflection to add to your spiritual practice.

## Weekly Lenten Taize services:

Throughout Lent, the New England UMC is [posting Taize services weekly on Wednesday](#). The services tend to be very meditative, using simple and compelling chants. If you've never had a chance to go to a [Taize](#) service, you might find them moving, especially during Lent.



## Reflecting on the Past Year as Part of the Hillsborough Assn Mtg on 5/2:

The Hillsborough Association of the NH UCC will hold its annual meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are looking for each church to offer a brief, two minute reflection on the stories of our church family over the past year. If you are interested in doing this for us, I have a list of prompting questions that you might find useful.

## Covid-19 Scams Targeting Seniors

The [NH Attorney General's office put out a press release](#) describing several scams that are targeting seniors. The claims range from needing personal information to get their Social Security payments, to being family members in need of cash to treat Covid-19 symptoms, to offers of fake medical products to prevent Covid-19, to needing personal information to get their stimulus checks, to fake charities. (Honestly, what are people like?!?). Please pass the word.

## **Covid-19 Information**

If people want to know the latest status of Covid-19 in NH and the Emergency orders to date, go to <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/>

## **Help Lines**

This time of isolation can be very difficult. You may know someone who needs some support beyond what you can provide. We're in this together.

- Suicide prevention: 1-800-273-8255
- Sexual assault: 1-800-656-4673
- Domestic violence: 1-800-799-7233

## **Brookline Food Pantry**

Although we cannot be together physically at this time, Outreach is continuing to work with Rebecca Purdin through the Brookline Welfare office & CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) to address our community's needs.

The Brookline food pantry is now open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-2:00 for drop-offs only. There is a list on the [Brookline Food Pantry's Facebook page](#) that is being updated as items are needed. In addition to Market Basket gift cards, this week, they're looking for:

Pickles	Apple or Cranberry Juice
Parmesan	Paper Towels
Cookies/Cookie Mix	Coffee
Cheese Nip (or similar) Crackers	Disposable Razors
Jello/Gelatin (any flavors)	Dry Cat Food
Sardines	Dry Dog Food
Cereal (especially Raisin Bran or "Fun" Cereals)	Dish Soap
	Zip-style Bags

If you know of anyone who could use some help from the Food Pantry, please let Rebecca or Amy know. We sense there's more need in the community than is currently picking up food.

Non-perishables can be dropped off at Brookline Town Hall (downstairs near the Town Clerk's Office), at the Brookline Post Office, or at the Cozy Tae Cart any time those places are open.

As always, perishable items such as bread, cheese, butter, eggs, meats, and milk can be donated during open pantry hours: Tues and Thurs, 10am - 2pm.

Thank you for your continued support to our church and our community.