



The worship service will be recorded and then edited so you get the best of both worlds, the service and the music videos. There's a [play list that will weave them together](#), so you can just press "play" and go from beginning to end!

Thank you to Rev. Susan Grant-Rosen for leading us in worship this week. Rev. Susan Grant Rosen has served five UCC churches in New Hampshire and Vermont. Before becoming a pastor, she worked as a counselor, director, community organizer and consultant to family service, community mental health, elder services and addiction recovery agencies. She lives in Westhampton, Massachusetts.

Prelude: Orlando Gibbons [Prelude on Song 13](#)

[A beautiful instrumental piece to help you get settled for worship]

Centering Ourselves for Worship: Psalm 25:1-5, 8-10

L: In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

P: **I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

L: Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.

P: **Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.**

L: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

P: **All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.**

Hymn: Francesca LaRosa [Your Ways, O Lord](#)

Lifting up Our Joys and Concerns:

[For next week, please feel free to send Barbara Haskell-Higgins your joys & concerns and we will include them in our prayers: barbarajh@comcast.net]

Let us pray 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.

Children's Message (for kids of all ages): "Who Needs Help?"

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “You go and do the same.”

Reflection on the Scripture: “Fleshing Out the Word”

Hymn: **Clara Ward** [*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*](#)

Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, if you please,
Daily walking close with thee:
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied just as long
As I walk, just let me walk, close to thee.

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To thy Kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Prayer of Dedication for the Gifts We've Been Given

Through these gifts, O God, accept our gratitude for all you have given us: life; family and friends; homes and food; this beautiful region; this warm spiritual home. All these blessings arise from your goodness and love. May we live this week thankfully. We pray through your Son. Amen.

Announcements

A Prayer to Send us Back Out into the World

- L1: I, Paul, have been sent on special assignment by Christ as part of God's master plan. Together with my friend Timothy, I greet the Christians and stalwart followers of Christ who live in Colossae. May everything good from God our Father be yours!
- L2: Our prayers for you are always spilling over into thanksgivings. We can't quit thanking God our Father and Jesus our Messiah for you!
- L1: We keep getting reports on your steady faith in Christ, our Jesus, and the love you continuously extend to all Christians. The lines of purpose in your

lives never grow slack, tightly tied as they are to your future in heaven, kept taut by hope.

L2: Be assured that from the first day we heard of you, we haven't stopped praying for you, asking God to give you wise minds and spirits attuned to his will, and so acquire a thorough understanding of the ways in which God works. We pray that you'll live well for the Master, making him proud of you as you work hard in his orchard.

L1: As you learn more and more how God works, you will learn how to do *your* work. We pray that you'll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul—not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. It is strength that endures the unendurable and spills over into joy, thanking the Father who makes us strong enough to take part in everything bright and beautiful that he has for us.

[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: [The Good Samaritan](#) John Rafael

I dreamed I was from Jerusalem on my way to Jericho,
When two thugs robbed and beat me up—left me lying by the road,
A certain priest came down that road and he just passed me by,
Likewise came two other men and they left me there to die.
I was just about to give up hope when the Samaritan came in sight;
He picked me up and he bound my wounds; man, he really made my night.
He put me on his beast of burden and he walked us into town;
He checked us into a small hotel as the sun was going down.

I love the good Samaritan; he's a friend who's a friend indeed.
I'll be more like the good Samaritan when my neighbor is in need.
We walked into that little room and I fell down on the bed,

He took some wine and some oil he had and he washed my wounded head.
I wish I could have thanked him or repaid him for my keep,
But before I got the chance, I fell fast asleep.

And I love the good Samaritan; he's a friend who's a friend indeed.
I'll be more like the good Samaritan when my neighbor is in need.
Well, about the time I fell asleep I woke up from that dream,
And awake, I knew sometimes it's true things aren't the way they seem.
The more I think about that dream, the more I realize,
I see the face of that Samaritan in every person's eyes.

I love the good Samaritan, he's a friend who's a friend indeed;
I'll be more like the good Samaritan when my neighbor is in need.
Yes, I love the good Samaritan, he's a friend who's a friend indeed;
I'll be more like the good Samaritan when my neighbor is in need.

Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.



PRAYER LIST (08/29/21)

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 June Hoff and Dave Larkin.
- Luca, Amy's nephew, who's working with a new pediatrician who's helping him and his family
- 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
- Rev Catherine's surgery went well. Continued prayers for a smooth recovery are most welcome as she continues this journey.
- For the medical personnel who are working through another overwhelming wave of care needed for those stricken with Covid
- For the people of Haiti, recovering from the earthquake
- For the friends and family of Ross Jensen, whose life we celebrated at the church
- For the people of Afghanistan, as their country's struggles continue
- Sandy Garvin has had a couple of falls and is now in the Beaumont Rehab & Skilled Nursing in Northborough, MA
- Dan, Bob's friend, recovering from surgery
- Beverly, Barbara's friend, is going in for thyroid surgery
- Andrea's, Barbara's daughter, in-laws have three daughters who have been diagnosed with a genetic form of epilepsy that hopefully they will grow out of
- Scott, John Nicholson's brother-in-law, has invested in a used RV that was hit by lightning. Hopefully he'll be able to get on the road again soon.
- For all the major life transitions whose impact we feel over time.
- For those who have no one to pray for them, accept our prayers
- Individuals serving in our military & their families

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord Jesus, help me walk blamelessly and do what is right, to speak the truth in love, to avoid gossip and slander, and do good to all I meet, that I may abide in your presence and dwell in fellowship with the Holy Trinity. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, you have been my light this day. As evening comes, be my light in the darkness. With meekness I welcome the word you have implanted in my heart, and with confidence I claim the power of salvation in Jesus Christ. And let me rest from my labors, confident that in you there is no shadow of fear. Amen.

Questions for Reflection

How can we know the difference between human tradition and the commandments of God? How can we know that we serve God from the heart?

Announcements:

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 +/-
July	\$46,712	\$48,793	(\$2,081)

Please shop smile.amazon.com and choose Brookline Community Church as your charity to support the church. Thanks!

You can now use the Amazon Shopping app on your phone and still support the church through the Smile program.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "Church of Christ" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the app

Rev. Catherine

Following her surgery Rev Catherine is on medical leave. If you need anything and aren't sure where to go, please contact Candy Tiner, the church secretary (secretary@bccnh.org, 603-801-5918) or Jill Aitken, chair of the Deacons (jgoods4@gmail.com, 973-713-7832) and they will get you to the right person.

Take Home Meals

The first Take Home Meal of the 2021-2022 season: Sept 10 Chicken Cacciatore with an optional side of Key Lime Pie!

Fire Department Chicken BBQ & Duck Race

Sat. Sept. 25, 5:00-7:00pm, \$13 for a half chicken, \$10 for a quarter chicken. Tickets for the Duck Race & the Chicken dinner [are available on-line](#).

Reaching Out with Outreach

Outreach has been busy so far this year. We collected items to benefit Marguerite's Place, Bridges & Harbor Cares for their veterans transitional facility in Nashua.

We were able to donate in total 7,955 items consisting of diapers, wipes, paper goods, cleaning supplies, bedding & gift cards to these organizations!!

We could not have done this without the generosity of our congregation, Brookline and Hollis communities and the advertising efforts of Megan & Candy.

If you are looking for organizations to donate to over the summer please check out the websites for The Brookline Food Pantry, Share in Milford and the Nashua Soup Kitchen for their wish lists.

As non-profit organizations are starting to open up again so are opportunities for volunteer and paid positions. If you are interested or have some time please consider checking out one of the organizations Outreach supports or contact an organization that interests you.

Please feel free to contact Amy Razzaboni at arazz3914@gmail.com or speak with any member of the Outreach Board with any questions or to get more information about our Outreach Organizations and other local non-profits.

What Community Events/Fundraisers Would Share the Spirit?

With the easing of Covid restrictions, we can start to think about events and fundraisers that would share our sense of the Holy Spirit's presence in our daily lives. We have plenty of willing hands, but we need some folks to get us running in the same direction. Breakfast Buffets? Spaghetti Supper for the Ghost Train Trail Race? Christmas Faire? Something we haven't thought of yet?
If you have ideas, speak to Ann Desrochers or anyone on the Cabinet!

Making Music with the Band!

The band is beginning to rehearse again. So they'd welcome singers and instrumentalists of any level to join in making a joyful noise before the Lord. Speak to Sanjay (scherian@charter.net) if you're interested.

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:

- Laundry detergent
- Canned pasta
- Dog/cat food
- School supplies
- Fresh fruit/veggies/milk
- Stuff for kids lunches
- Diapers

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.

One Free College Class for 2021 NH High School Graduates:

The Community College System of NH (CCSNH), the Foundation for New Hampshire's Community Colleges, and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (NHCF) have partnered to provide "A Gift to the Class of 2021."

Every 2021 graduate from any New Hampshire high school or home-school program is eligible to register for one free class at any CCSNH college this fall. The gift covers tuition for a three-credit course and fees, up to \$755 per student! [Learn more.](#)

Habitat for Humanity Build in Nashua

Although they are not accepting volunteer builders at the moment, we have provided a financial donation to Habitat for Humanity in Nashua. They are currently working on a duplex for two female veterans and their kids. Habitat would welcome financial contributions at this time as well.

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