



Prelude: [*The Kingdom of God is Justice and Grace* by The Royal School of Church Music](#)

Call To Worship¹

Leader: In this century and in any century,
Our deepest hope, our most tender prayer,
Is that we learn to listen.

**All: May we listen to one another in openness and mercy
May we listen to plants and animals in wonder and respect
May We listen to our own hearts in love and forgiveness
May we listen to God in quietness and awe.**

Leader: And in this listening,
Which is boundless in its beauty,
May we find the wisdom to cooperate
With a healing spirit, a divine spirit
Who beckons us into peace and community and creativity.

**All: We do not ask for a perfect world.
But we do ask for a better world.
We ask for deep listening.**

¹ Today's Call to Worship comes from The Jesuit Resource Prayer Index, "Unity Prayers", Xavier University, <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/unity-prayers>, (accessed 14 November 2021).

Children's Message (for kids of all ages):

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Hymn: [Praise You in This Storm by Casting Crowns](#) (in the in-person service, the band will perform it live)

Lifting up Our Joys and Concerns:

[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.]

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.

Hymn: [Rest by Matt Maher](#) (in the in-person service, the band will perform it live)

Oh my Lord,
You are my shepherd and I shall not want
Oh my Lord,
Beside still waters You repair my heart
I trust in You, oh I trust in You

Even though I walk through the valley of death
You restore my soul and You give me rest
Oh the memories of Your faithfulness
You restore my soul and You give me rest
You restore my soul and You give me rest
You give me rest

Oh my Lord,
You prepare a table for You and me
Oh my Lord,
I the middle of a fight with my enemies
I trust in You, Oh I trust in You

Even though I walk through the valley of death
You restore my soul and You give me rest
Oh the memories of Your faithfulness
You restore my soul and You give me rest
You restore my soul and You give me rest
You give me rest

I will fear no evil for You're here with me
Your goodness and Your love, they will never leave
Just a closer walk with Thee, just a closer walk
Just a closer walk with Thee, just a closer walk

Even though I walk through the valley of death
You restore my soul and You give me rest
Oh the memories of Your faithfulness
You restore my soul and You give me rest
You restore my soul and You give me rest
You give me rest, You give me rest
You give me rest

Scripture Reading: John 18:33-38a

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?'

Reflection on the Scripture:

What does "kingdom" or "truth" mean? To us? To Jesus?

Hymn: [Follow Me by Casting Crowns](#) (in the in-person service, the band will perform it live)

Stewardship Witness: Bill Dunbar

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

Holy God, you said

Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

You call us from every tribe,

language, people, and nation

to share in your everlasting kingdom.

Bless these gifts that we offer

that we may extend your blessing to others,

in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Announcements

A Prayer to Send us Back Out into the World

Leader: Sovereign God, come to us now in silent, holy power.

All: Still our distracted minds, our bruised hearts, our longing bodies.

Leader: Then speak the power of Jesus' name
in such a way that we might hear it,
in such a way that we might bear it into the world—

All: as a people who seek not to preserve what we know but to make visible who you are—

Leader: for we move and pray by the gift of your breath within us.

All: for we move and pray by the gift of your truth between us.

Leader: Amen.

All: 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."](#)

Postlude: [The Thanksgiving Song by Ben Rector](#)

Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.



PRAYER LIST (11/21/21)

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
- For Rev Catherine's smooth recovery as she recovers from surgery
- For Sue Laub's sister who has stage 4 kidney cancer which has spread. No treatment options left
- For the friends and family of Merri Scritchfield, who was a close friend of Donna's
- Friends and family of Braedon O'Connor
- For those suffering from addiction
- For all the major life transitions whose impact we feel over time.
- For Nancy, Yifan's American mom, who is going in for more breast cancer surgery
- For Peter, Catherine's cousin, starting chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer
- For Trina, Amy's sister's sister-in-law is facing more breast cancer surgery.
- For Jean, Candy's grandmother, who's back in the hospital, unable to put weight on a severely swollen foot
- For Cindy, Candy's mom, whose meniere's disease is flaring up and causing distress
- For all those involved in the accident just before the 11/14 service on Main St., injured or responding, that all may be well.
- For all those who lost a beloved animal this week, we experience unconditional love through them,
- For Grant, Bill and Nancy's grandson, who had a scare this week, but is doing fine
- For those who have no one to pray for them, accept our prayers
- Individuals serving in our military & their families

Household Prayer: Morning²

Loving God, it is a new day. Awaken my desire to delight in you by more faithfully serving your world. Keep me alert to the earthly powers and privileges at play in this world as I seek to foster justice and serve your reign. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Brother Jesus, I have done my best to love and serve your realm this day. Where I have succeeded, I give you thanks. Where I have failed, I ask your guidance and forgiveness. I release all my cares and fears to you this night as you watch over your wondrous and wounded world. Amen.

Questions for Reflection

Jesus said that his kingdom is not of this world and that belonging to his way of life means a constant attentiveness to his voice. How are you (individually and as a community) embodying the countercultural reign of God? What is a further step that you are being called to take? How might you make more time to listen for his voice?

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

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 +/-
October	\$82,708	\$74,561	\$8,147

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

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.

Decorating the Church for Christmas on November 21st

The Deacons are looking for some volunteers to help decorate the church after worship next week. If you can stay for a bit, you can help us get into the holiday spirit!

Cleaning the Church windows on November 21st

As part of our Stewardship program this year, Cindy is inviting us to invest some elbow grease and roust some of the spiders who have taken up residence in our windows, so we can offer a more welcoming glow at the church.

Demonstration of Online Pledging options on November 21st

We'll be offering a demonstration of how easy it is to pledge on-line after worship.

Band will play in worship on November 21st

The band is going to play in worship on November 21st. As we explore what the new normal is for us, we know that some folks would not be comfortable in worship, so we want to give them notice of our experiment.

Unsold Christmas Raffle Tickets due back to Donna by November 30th

If you have any unsold Christmas raffle tickets, please return them to Donna Bretschneider by November 30th. But with 30 fabulous raffle prizes, how can there be any tickets left unsold?!?

2022 Calendars on Sale from the Historical Society!

The Brookline Historical Society is selling 2022 Calendars for \$20 at the Library and the Hollis Pharmacy. Email info@brooklinehistory.org for more details.

SHARE-ing the Christmas Spirit with Outreach

Outreach gathered \$1,050+ worth of gifts cards to donate to SHARE. With those cards we sponsored 11 kids and 9 adults, who will have a merrier Christmas because of your generosity.

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.

Making Music with the Band!

The band is always welcoming 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:

Spam	Coffee
Juice and juice boxes	Pet food
Canned carrots	Detergent
Rice or noodle sides	

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.

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 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