



Brookline Community Church

August 14, 2022

Prelude: [*Blessed Assurance Prelude for Piano Solo*](#) by Dr. Norm Wick

Call To Worship

Leader: O God of promise, creator of the cosmos,
you are the first light breaking through the void,

All: **and the final light we shall eternally enjoy.**

Leader: Keep our hearts ever vigilant as we wait to welcome you,

All: **that you would find us clothed in love,
dressed for action, and eager to receive you. Amen.**

A Prayer of Joys and Concerns:

The response to "O God of hope," is "**increase our faith.**"

[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.]

Hymn: [My Faith Looks Up to Thee by Ray Palmer and Lowell Mason](#)

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.

My faith looks up to thee
Thou Lamb of Calvary
Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray
Take all my guilt away
O let me from this day
Be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart
My zeal inspire!

As thou hast died for me
O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be
A living fire!

When life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread
Be thou my guide

Bid darkness turn to day
Wipe sorrow's tears away
Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside

When ends life's transient dream
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll

Blest Savior, then in love
Fear and distrust remove
O bear me safe above
A ransomed soul!

Celebration of Holy Communion¹

Invitation to Communion

Words of Remembrance

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Elements

Leader: The bread on your table is blessed and broken like the picnic of grace.

All: May it fill us with peace.
(Eat the bread).

Leader: The cup in your hand is blessed to share with overflowing tears and joy

All: Drinking deeply, we will never thirst.
(Drink from the cup).

¹ The communion liturgy was inspired by Maren Tirabassi's "Holy Communion Liturgy for August 7, 2022," Gifts in Open Hands Blog, posted July 28, 2022, <https://giftsinopenhands.wordpress.com/2022/07/28/holy-communion-liturgy-for-august-7-2022/> (accessed August 1, 2022).

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: In thanksgiving for a meal that heals yesterday and empowers tomorrow, we pray ...

All: **O Holy One, as we receive this sacrament, we think we eat a gourmet menu, only to discover we are to become your “food trucks” of love and justice, compassion and courage, in every corner of every city for all of your children who need a meal of hope and healing. Thank you for the sustenance and the call. Amen.**

Hymn: Gracious Father, Son and Spirit by Together 21 EPScripture

Reading: Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Secular Reading:

Daniel Schultz, “Living by the Word: Reflections on the Lectionary [August 7, 2016].” *The Christian Century* 133 (15) (2016): 21.

Reflection on the Scripture:

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:**

**Generous God,
you pour out blessing and cover us with gifts of love.
Accept these offerings for the sake of your children,
that they may proclaim your mercy and embody your grace.
In Jesus’ name we ask it. Amen.**

Announcements

A Prayer to Send us Back Out into the World

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: What I Really Need by Brian Fowler

Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.



PRAYER LIST (8/14/22)

- Friends & family of Braedon O'Connor, Elly Austin, Patty Birner, Jesse Delrossi, Jane Jukes, Edith Corey, Sandi Garvin.
- For the friends & families of those who have died alone
- For Luca, Amy's nephew, whose treatments continue
- For those struggling with thoughts of suicide
- For Polly, John Panto's sister, recovering from a stroke, who's moving into another facility
- For Mike Esposito, Miracle Mike, friend of Susan and Russell's family, returning home after months in the hospital and rehab
- For Jill & Kevin's friends' children; Grady is facing surgery and his sister Nayanna is his donor
- For the friends and family of Linda, Amy's aunt, who passed away in the hospital
- For the friends and family of Carol Austin Mastin, Nancy's friend
- For the people of Ukraine, who fight on, even as the world looks elsewhere
- For those who have no one to pray for them, accept our prayers
- Individuals serving in our military & their families

Household Prayer: Morning²

Holy God, at your word the sun rises to greet us, and we are new each morning. Be with me as I begin this day, that my faith would be reckoned righteous by you, and my works find favor in your sight. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy God, at the setting of the sun your love brings judgment, and I know of my need for your grace. Help me to be more faithful to justice, more truthful in love, and ever mindful of your mercy. Amen.

Questions for Reflection

What does it mean to be ready for Christ's coming? In what sense is the coming of the kingdom like "a thief in the night" (Luke 12:39)?

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 +/-
July	\$36,830	\$53,799	(\$16,969)

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.

Join Outreach and Be a Part of the Stand Down for Homeless Veterans

Outreach is asking for donations of **NEW** socks & underwear, blankets, long sleeve sweatshirts and sweatpants, gently used coats or clothing for the cold winter months coming up. These items will be given out to the veterans at this event.

Please bring your donations to the church by Sunday, September 18th. There will be a barrel outside by the parking lot side door to put items in, leave in the front hall at the church or drop off Friday Sept 9th between 1-4:30 during Take Home Meal.

You may also send in a monetary donation to the Brookline Community Church, PO Box 507, Brookline NH 03033. Please note to be used for Stand Down items.

Contact Amy Razzaboni at arazz3914@gmail.com for more info. There's also a flyer with more event details further down in the bulletin.

Need a break from the heat? The Library is nice and cool!

The library is a great place to retreat to if you need an airconditioned space to hang out in. See their [website](#) for hours.

Brookline is in a severe drought!

You can learn more about drought conditions from the [NH Dept. of Environmental Services website](#). There is also [a guide for private well owners and information](#) on the Water Assistance for Natural Disaster Impacts to Low-Income Residential Well Owners Program.

ARE YOU 60 or OLDER or KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS? DO YOU LIKE A GREAT MEAL?

If you do ... BE ON THE BROOKLINE COMMUNITY CHURCH'S SENIOR LUNCHEON LIST. We have lunches periodically on Saturdays throughout the year just for the 60 and older crowd. If you are interested, just let us know how you would like to be contacted for notices of these lunches (email, mail, Facebook ..., etc.) Any questions.... just ask Megan King (kingmegan7@gmail.com) or Amy Razzaboni (arazz3914@gmail.com).

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. We sense there's more need in the community than is currently picking up food.

Get Your Parking Placards for the Lake!

We hope to worship more often at the Lake than in previous years. So make sure you have an up to date parking placard.

Would You Like to Pick the Music for Worship?

Music is not one of Rev. Cath's gifts, so she gets help from a variety of people. If you'd like to try picking the music once or many time, please let her know (minister@bccnh.org). Yifan's happy to do it. He knows how much he enjoys it and want other folks to have an opportunity if they'd like to give it a try.

Homeless keys looking for an owner on the back table:

In tidying up the 3rd floor classrooms, we found a number of keys that are looking for a home. They may have been there a while, so see if they were the set you were never able to find! See Susan Haight (sdlhaight@gmail.com) for more details.

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 (or 988)
- Sexual assault: 1-800-656-4673
- Domestic violence: 1-800-799-7233

NH is now part of the national 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

New Hampshire is announcing the launch of 988, the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL). People can call 988 to be connected with trained counselors that are part of the existing NSPL network.

Free Covid Home Tests

1. Gov. Sununu [announced a program to deliver free Covid home tests to NH residents](#). You just go to [the program's website](#), put in your zip code and then follow the prompts. They're delivered via Amazon.

2. The federal government will deliver four tests to your home. Just enter your details on a special [US Post Office web page](#). And if you've ordered 4 in the past, you can get four more the same way!

NH STAND DOWN
for veterans experiencing homelessness
Sept. 23, 2022
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Harbor Care Health & Wellness Center, 45 High Street, Nashua

MORE INFORMATION

Donations & Other Questions Contact Richard Odonnell 603-882-3616 x 1199 r.odonnell@harborcarenh.org	Table & Attendance Questions Contact Andrea Reed 603-882-3616 x 1111 a.reed@harborcarenh.org
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Help is available if you're a veteran experiencing homelessness!

- Employment Services
- Medical Advice
- Food
- Clothing
- Haircuts
- Legal Advice
- Pension Claims
- Advising
- Counseling

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