



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**

[Honor Christian Mothers](#) *Calvary United Presbyterian Church*

### **Welcome**

### **Centering Ourselves for Worship**

St Francis Prayer

Let's Open our worship together on this Mother's Day 2021 with the Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi:

Leader: Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace! That where there is hatred,

**All: I may bring love.**

Leader: That where there is wrong,

**All: I may bring the spirit of forgiveness.**

Leader: That where there is discord,

**All: I may bring harmony.**

Leader: That where there is error,

**All: I may bring truth.**

Leader: That where there is doubt,

**All: I may bring faith.**

Leader: That where there is despair,

**All: I may bring hope.**

Leader: That where there are shadows,

**All: I may bring light.**

Leader: Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort, than to be comforted.

**All: To understand, then to be understood.**

Leader: To love, then to be loved.

**All: For it is by self-forgetting that one finds.**

Leader: It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.

**All: It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life. Amen**

**Hymn**

***A New Commandment Divine Hymns***

**Lifting up Our Joys and Concerns**

Joys

We pray for Elly Austin, who's cancer is in remission.

We celebrate Amy's grandmother, Grammy Dot's, 96th Birthday.

May is Military Appreciation Month-Please say a prayer for our past and present service men & women and their families for their sacrifices in serving our country.

Concerns

We pray for Bob Reagan, a friend of the Razzaboni Family, who is in the hospital, severely injured in a car accident.

We pray for Amy's Aunt Lois who is in hospice care.

We pray for the McKay family at this time of Tom McKay's passing.

We pray for Vicki Goodwin, who is continuing her recovery from COVID.

We pray for Jill's cousin, Ginette Greene, who continues her fight with breast cancer.

We pray for Rev. Cath as she recuperates at home and prepares for her knee surgery, which is being rescheduled.

God, we thank you for the joys that we are able to experience because you have given us the gift of life to witness and appreciate them.

At the same time, we ask for your Grace and Healing for those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit. We know that with your Help we can get thru the good times as well as the bad together. Help us to share what we have with those who are in need.

## Hymn

### [Obey Gods Commands](#)

### [Prayer of Dedication for the Gifts We've Been Given](#)

[Let's pray together.]

Leader: God, thank you for this moment and every moment that we get to experience because of your generosity. Help us to appreciate all that you have given us on this tiny speck of a planet in the vastness of the universe.

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

## Scripture Reading

### [Mark 7:24-30](#)

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter."

So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

### [Proverbs 31:25-30](#)

"Strength and dignity are her clothing; And she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom; And the law of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, And eats not the bread of idleness. Her children rise up, and call her blessed; Her

husband also, and he praiseth her, saying: Many daughters have done worthily, But thou excellest them all. Grace is deceitful, and beauty is vain; But a woman that feareth Jehovah, she shall be praised."

### Reflection on the Scripture

While looking for a good reading for Mother's Day, these passages came to mind. In Mark 7:24-30 the Mother was asking for Help for her sick child. I constantly see examples of Mothers putting their children ahead of themselves, and to me that is practicing what we hear in Church. There is something special about Mothers and Grandmothers ability to see when child is not well, and they give everything they have to help the child with whatever is bothering them. I recall coming home after a fight with a neighborhood kid, and not wanting to show my feelings, but my Mom saw thru my attempt at covering up my feelings and asked what was wrong. So many times in my life I had problems that I thought were insurmountable, and my Mom would be able to provide me with the right words or come up with a plan to get me back on track.

Proverbs 31:25-30 spoke to me recalling the hard road my mother has been on, and how she has handled herself with Grace and Dignity. After my parents got divorced, it was an extremely stressful time for my Mom. She had passed on her career to take care of her 3 children, one of who is deaf since birth and required far more care. She was facing an uncertain future full of responsibility with little resources. I recall seeing her study at the dining room table to become a registered nurse after coming home from working a full shift at a local nursing home in order to provide for her the 3 children on her own. She graduated from Massasoit Community College, passed her RN exams, and began getting better jobs including working at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, and later at the world famous Mass Eye and Ear in Boston. All this time managing to make sure her children and household were in order, despite the efforts of her children to create havoc and chaos at every possible turn. Even now she has 2 adult children living at home. As a parent who has a son who has not managed to flap his wings very hard to leave the nest, I know that the best Mother's Day gift is seeing a child be able to stand up on their own feet and become a contributing member to society. So, today's service is dedicated to the Mothers who stand by their children through thick and thin.

I would like to open the service to anyone who might want to share a name and perhaps an example of how a mother, grandmother, stepmother or other female helped them become the person they are today.

### **Hymn**

[A Mothers Prayer](#) Keith & Kristyn Getty

### **Announcements**

### **Hymn**

[Amazing Grace \(My Chains Are Gone\)](#) Pentatonix

**A Prayer to Send us Back Out into the World**

Let's conclude this service with 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. Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory forever, 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: A Mothers Day Tribute Gateway Community Church**

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



## PRAYER LIST (05/09/21)

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 Elly Austin, her cancer is in remission
- For Amy's grandmother, Grammy Dot's, 96th Birthday.
- May is Military Appreciation Month-Please say a prayer for our past and present service men & women and their families for their sacrifices in serving our country
- For Bob Reagan, a friend of the Razzaboni Family, who is in the hospital, severely injured in a car accident
- For Amy's Aunt Lois who is in hospice care
- For the McKay family at this time of Tom McKay's passing
- For Vicki Goodwin, who is continuing her recovery from COVID
- For Jill's cousin, Ginette Greene, who continues her fight with breast cancer
- For Rev. Cath, as she recuperates at home and prepares for her knee surgery, which is being rescheduled
- For those who have no one to pray for them, accept our prayers
- Individuals serving in our military & their families

# Household Prayers

## **Household Prayer: Morning**

Holy One, I begin today breathing in your love for me, for others, and for the world. Keep me mindful of all the marvelous things you are doing around and within me today. Help me to feel my friendship with Jesus and his confidence in me. Maintain in my heart the image of myself as a tree, bearing the fruit of Christ's love everywhere I go today. Amen.

## **Household Prayer: Evening**

God, you are both judge and friend. Even as I review my day, I give it over to you. I let go of the good, the bad, and the in-between, trusting in your care for me. I am content this night to abide in your love. I breathe in your joy and your peace. Whatever I need, I ask of you in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Question for Reflection**

In our Gospel lesson this week, Jesus speaks of his extreme love for us, calls us his friends, and says that he makes known to us everything that he hears from God. How does thinking of Christ as our friend and lover—or Lord and Master—affect our daily living?

**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.

<b>BCC YTD Financial Summary</b>	<b>Actual Income</b>	<b>Actual Expenses</b>	<b>Income vs Expenses + / -</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>\$30,585</b>	<b>\$28,963</b>	<b>\$1,622</b>

**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

May is **Military Appreciation Month** - Please say a prayer for our past or present service men & women and their families for their sacrifices in serving our country

**Outreach** would also like to bring attention to our veterans and their families who may be struggling at this time with homelessness, finding a job, physical or mental health issues. Harbor Care in Nashua provides supportive services, reintegration programs and transitional housing for homeless veterans and their families.

From May 1st thru May 21st Outreach will be collecting:

**NEW twin size sheet sets, blankets & pillows (they cannot accept any used items)**

**Walmart Gift Cards (they cannot accept any clothing items)**

**Uber Gift Cards (Transportation to job interviews or places of employment)**



You may place these items anytime in the plastic bin outside the church by the side door or drop off in person on Saturday May 15th between 9:00am-12:00pm or Friday May 21st between 1:00pm-5:00pm.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to buy bedding or gift cards you can mail a check to the Brookline Community Church, PO Box 507, Brookline NH 03033 and note that this is for the Veteran's Drive.

The **Open and Affirming** team sends you greetings. It has been over a year since we began the stay at home precautions due to Covid. We have greatly missed our church family. Last year we had just started to have conversations with our fellow members to listen to your thoughts and concerns around the Open and Affirming process. Due to Covid, we were not able to continue the one to one conversations, and we stopped our team meetings as well. We have recently started to meet again as a team and are hoping to resume the one to one conversations with our fellow members. We will be reaching out to all members of the congregation throughout the spring and summer. However, to help facilitate questions and suggestions we have also created a question box to gather any questions or suggestions you may have. It is located on the table in the upstairs hall as you enter the sanctuary. In addition, we welcome your comments via email or post. These can be addressed to ONA c/o Brookline Community Church, 2 Main Street, Brookline, NH 03033. This will help us to facilitate conversations and will help us through the process. We look forward to our conversations as we thoughtfully explore the process of Open and Affirming together.

### **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"	Dish Soap
Cereals)	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.