



Brookline Community Church

Blessing of the Animals

October 9, 2016, 10:00 am



WELCOME & RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP:

Extend a greeting to those nearby

INTROIT: #362 "Morning Has Broken" see attached

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Can you start the day without caffeine?

All: Can you always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains?

Leader: Can you take criticism and blame without resentment?

All: Can you resist treating a rich friend better than a poor one?

Leader: Can you say honestly that deep in your heart you have no prejudice against creed, color, religion, or politics?

All: If you can, then you have almost caught up with the animals who love you.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Pastoral prayer

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.**

HYMN: #57 "All Things Bright and Beautiful" see attached

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 17:11-19

SERMON: "Leaving the Best Stuff on the Table"

MINISTRY OF SHARING: (offering of tithes and gifts)

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 OF THE OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN: #384 "This is My Father's World" see attached

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Rev. Catherine will come and bless your animal individually at your seat.

BENEDICTION

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.”*

Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.

* Please stand if you are able



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- > **Take-home meals available:** Mexican Lasagna and Italian Sausage Minestrone Stew. See Megan!
- > **SHARE** is collecting toothbrushes & paste, deodorants, shampoo & conditioner, bar soap
- > **SAVE THE DATE!** Celebration of Abundance: **Next Sat.10/15, 2:00-6:00pm.** See Sanjay, Claire, Melanie, Donna, or Kristine if you can help.
- > **NH UCC Annual Meeting**, Sat Oct. 22, 8:00-5:00pm, Grappone Center. Registration costs go up after Oct 10.
- > **Premiere of *Weep with Those Who Weep: A Requiem***: Oct .23, 3:30pm at the Congregational Church, Mason NH

Last week’s attendance (10/2): 27 Adults, 1 Child

<i>BCC Financial Summary</i>	Actual Income	Planned Income	Actual Expenses	Income vs Plan	Income vs Spending
Monthly	\$8,621.38	\$7,829.30	\$4,995.34	✓ \$792.08	✓ \$3,626.04
Year to Date	\$63,449.43	\$63,975.50	\$54,162.71	✗ -\$526.07	✓ \$9,286.72

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Participants in today’s service:
Reverend Catherine Merrill, Minister
Gary Simmerman, Pianist

Household Prayer: Morning

God of endings,
of packing up
decisions of keeping and leaving
of saying goodbye
the practice of closing and tidying
of moving
the finality of distance between
of newness,
the lonely silence of emptiness.
Grant me
the strength to start over.

Household Prayer: Evening

Generous God,
a day of worship
a day of rest
a day in community
a day to be blessed
a day for offering
a day for welcoming
a day of remembering
a day of reckoning -
this is the day
the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice
and be glad in it.
Amen.