



Brookline Community Church
Easter Sunrise Service

April 9, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed.

Leader: You Easter one, you who stalk the earth with new life;

All: You who traipse the seas with odd authority.

Leader: You life giver, you a strange anomaly among us, for everywhere there are signs of death:

All: Endless diagnoses among our friends

Leader: Your church here and there nearly consumed with anxiety for itself

All: Too much money and too little care.

Leader: And yet you appear here and there, now and then: You say "Fear not,"

All: and we are comforted.

Leader: You say, "Peace I give you,"

All: and we are less restless,

Leader: You say, "Go and sin no more,"

All: and we glimpse a new innocence,

Leader: You say

All: and we listen

Leader: You act

All: and we are healed

Leader: You

All: and us

¹ Inspired by Walter Brueggemann's "You Who Stalk the Earth" from *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth*, (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2003), 163.

Leader: You

All: and life

Leader: You

All: and newness

Leader: You

All: for us

Leader: You

All: with us

Leader: You, you, you

All: and we are dazzled in our gratitude. Amen.

HYMN #362 "Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken like the first
morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first
bird
Praise for the singing
Praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh
from the Word

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit
from heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first
grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet
garden
Sprung in completeness where His
feet pass

Mine is the sunlight
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry
morning
God's recreation of the new day

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SCRIPTURE Colossians 3:1-4 and Matthew 28:1-10

MEDITATION

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 #384 "*This Is My Father's World*"

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Fathers' world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas – his hand the wonders wrought.

This is our Father's world: O let us not forget
that though the wrong is great and strong, God is the ruler yet.
He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair –all
earth and trees, all skies and seas, all creatures everywhere

This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let heaven ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

CLOSING PRAYER²

**Mighty God,
In whom we know the power of forgiveness
You stand among us in the shadows of our time.
As we move through each sorrow and trial of this life,
Uphold us with knowledge of the final morning
When, in the glorious presence of your risen Son,
We will share in his resurrection,
Redeemed and restored to the fullness of life
And forever freed to be your people. Amen.**

Deep thanks to Paul Andres, John Weidman and the Andres Institute of Art for hosting us. This very special place makes this unique service even more powerful.

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Worship Sept – June: 10:00am; July & August: 9:00am

Household Prayers

Prayer is a spiritual exercise that helps build a personal relationship with God. It is also an opportunity to both speak with and listen to God.

Sometimes the words come naturally, sometimes they don't. For the times when they don't, it's nice to have something already written to start with.

Not every prayer will resonate with every person every week. But when they do, they can help each of us build a life of meaning and purpose in relationship with God.

Each week, we post household prayers on our website (www.bccnh.org, click on "Worship" on the left and then "Household Prayers"). Here are this week's:

Household Prayer: Morning

Jesus, victorious Lord, I exult in your resurrection. As I sing "alleluia" with my voice, let my life embody "alleluia" as a testimony to your love and a witness to your eternal life. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, the days of sadness are over, for you have risen from the dead. As you conquered the grave, free your servant from fear of harm or death, that I may rest in peace this night and in the morning rise to sing "alleluia." Amen.

² Inspired by Consultation on Common Texts, *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*. (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2002), 106.