



The worship service will be recorded and then edited so you get the best of both worlds, the service and the music videos. There's a [play list that will weave them together](#), so you can just press "play" and go from beginning to end!

**Prelude: *Jesus Calls Us Here To Meet Him***

**Call To Worship**

**Prayer of Invocation and Confession (All)**

**God of seasons and eternity,**

**God of justice and of love,**

**Be with us now.**

**We admit to you our faults and failings,**

**Our sins in what we do and say and what we have left undone and unsaid.**

**We are sorry.**

**We pray that you will forgive us, and lead us in a better path.**

**In this place, in this moment, we trust in your mercy,**

**Known to us in the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ.**

**Amen**

**Words of Assurance**

## **Children's Message (for kids of all ages)**

Back to School

**Hymn: When Morning Gilds the Skies by Chet Valley Church**

### **Lifting up Our Joys and Concerns:**

[For next week, please feel free to send Barbara Haskell-Higgins your joys & concerns and we will include them in our prayers: [barbarajh@comcast.net](mailto:barbarajh@comcast.net) ]

### **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: This is the Day of New Beginnings by Aldersgate Chorale**

### **Scripture Reading:**

#### **Proverbs 22:1-2,4-9,17-19, 22-23**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favor is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the LORD is the maker of them all.

The reward for humility and fear of the LORD  
is riches and honor and life.

Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse;  
the cautious will keep far from them.

Train children in the right way,  
and when old, they will not stray.

The rich rule over the poor,  
and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.

The words of the wise:

Incline your ear and hear my words,  
and apply your mind to my teaching;

for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you,  
if all of them are ready on your lips.  
So that your trust may be in the LORD,  
I have made them known to you today—yes, to you.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
or crush the afflicted at the gate;  
for the LORD pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

### **Mark 7:24-37**

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.”  
<sup>3</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

### **Jesus Cures a Deaf Man**

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.

Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”

And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.  
<sup>3</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.

They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

**Reflection on the Scripture:** *Who Belongs Here?*

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

Lord, what we have, we bring.

Our gifts of coins and checks

Our time and talents

Our love for the world made real.

Accept our gifts, multiply them, and send them forth to do your work.

Amen

**Hymn:** One Bread, One Body by John Michael Talbot

**Communion**

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Pastoral prayer of Institution

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover.

Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying:

"This is my body, broken for you. Do this, in remembrance of me"

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me"

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All

**Christ has died,.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Call to the supper

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All

**Bountiful God,**

**We give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ.**

**Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,**

**And send us forth into the world in courage and peace,**

**Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Dear Lord, may our knowledge of your will grant us spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Lord, help us to lead a life worthy of your sacrifice for us, enable us to be fruitful in every good work, increasing in your knowledge, strengthened according to Your glorious power. May we abide with all patience and long-suffering in Jesus Christ our life-giving vine. Amen.

**Amen**

**Announcements**

**A Prayer to Send us Back Out into the World (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."

Postlude: [This is The Year of Jubilee](#)

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



## PRAYER LIST (09/05/21)

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 the medical personnel who are working through another overwhelming wave of care needed for those stricken with Covid
- For the people of Afghanistan, as their country's struggles continue
- Sandy Garvin has had a couple of falls and is now in the Beaumont Rehab & Skilled Nursing in Northborough, MA
- Andrea's, Barbara's daughter, in-laws have three daughters who have been diagnosed with a genetic form of epilepsy that hopefully they will grow out of
- For the friends and family of Gary, Donna's cousin who passed away unexpectedly
- For Bob, Susan's brother-in-law suffering from pneumonia
- For the kids returning to school
- For all the major life transitions whose impact we feel over time.
- For those who have no one to pray for them, accept our prayers
- Individuals serving in our military & their families

**Household Prayer: Morning**

Holy God, I thank you for another day, whether it brings the sort of happiness for which I always hope or the challenges I sometimes fear. Each day in your presence is a time to notice the marvels of creation that surround me. Help me to see them today and to move gracefully from one hour to the next, in the name of your holy and miraculous ways. Amen.

**Household Prayer: Evening**

Giver of all good things, you have been at my side, beneath, above, and within me all day long, and I thank you for your presence. I thank you now, as well, that as I grow weary, you have given me a place to lay my head. Watch over all who sleep this night, especially those who have no shelter. Guard them and keep all your people in safety, in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Questions for Reflection**

Try to recall the first time in your life when you did not retreat in the face of opposition. How is your experience like that of the Syrophenician woman putting her case to Jesus? Where in your life today is that same courage calling you to speak out? What could you do this week to take steps in that direction?

## 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	\$46,712	\$48,793	(\$2,081)

Please shop [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose Brookline Community Church as your charity to support the church. Thanks!

You can now use the Amazon Shopping app on your phone and still support the church through the Smile program.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "Church of Christ" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the app

**Rev. Catherine** Following her surgery Rev Catherine is on medical leave. If you need anything and aren't sure where to go, please contact Candy Tiner, the church secretary ([secretary@bccnh.org](mailto:secretary@bccnh.org), 603-801-5918) or Jill Aitken, chair of the Deacons ([jgoods4@gmail.com](mailto:jgoods4@gmail.com), 973-713-7832) and they will get you to the right person.

**Take Home Meals** The first Take Home Meal of the 2021-2022 season: Sept 10 Chicken Cacciatore with an optional side of Key Lime Pie!

### **Fire Department Chicken BBQ & Duck Race**

Sat. Sept. 25, 5:00-7:00pm, \$13 for a half chicken, \$10 for a quarter chicken. Tickets for the Duck Race & the Chicken dinner [are available on-line](#).

### **Reaching Out with Outreach**

Outreach has been busy so far this year. We collected items to benefit Marguerite's Place, Bridges & Harbor Cares for their veterans transitional facility in Nashua.

**We were able to donate in total 7,955 items consisting of diapers, wipes, paper goods, cleaning supplies, bedding & gift cards to these organizations!!**

We could not have done this without the generosity of our congregation, Brookline and Hollis communities and the advertising efforts of Megan & Candy.

If you are looking for organizations to donate to over the summer please check out the websites for The Brookline Food Pantry, Share in Milford and the Nashua Soup Kitchen for their wish lists.

As non-profit organizations are starting to open up again so are opportunities for volunteer and paid positions. If you are interested or have some time please consider checking out one of the organizations Outreach supports or contact an organization that interests you.

Please feel free to contact Amy Razzaboni at [arazz3914@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **What Community Events/Fundraisers Would Share the Spirit?**

With the easing of Covid restrictions, we can start to think about events and fundraisers that would share our sense of the Holy Spirit's presence in our daily lives. We have plenty of willing hands, but we need some folks to get us running in the same direction. Breakfast Buffets? Spaghetti Supper for the Ghost Train Trail Race? Christmas Faire? Something we haven't thought of yet?

If you have ideas, speak to Ann Desrochers or anyone on the Cabinet!

### **Making Music with the Band!**

The band is beginning to rehearse again. So they'd welcome 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:

Laundry detergent, Canned pasta, Dog/cat food, School supplies , Fresh fruit/veggies/milk, Stuff for kids lunches , Diapers

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.

### **One Free College Class for 2021 NH High School Graduates:**

The Community College System of NH (CCSNH), the Foundation for New Hampshire's Community Colleges, and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (NHCF) have partnered to provide "A Gift to the Class of 2021."

Every 2021 graduate from any New Hampshire high school or home-school program is eligible to register for one free class at any CCSNH college this fall. The gift covers tuition for a three-credit course and fees, up to \$755 per student!

[Learn more.](#)

### **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 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