



Brookline Community Church

October 31, 2021

Reverend Catherine A. Merrill, Minister

Prelude: [*You Shall Love The Lord With All Your Heart*](#)

Welcome Rev. Rebecca Larson who will lead us in worship today.

Call To Worship :

Leader: Hear, O people of God: our God is one. Hear the commandments of our God.

All: First, love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.

Leader: Hear, O people of God: our God is one. Recite the commandments to your children and hold them in your hearts.

All: Second, love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these calls to love. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

Children's Message (for kids of all ages)

Hymn: [The Greatest Commandment by Hillsong Kids](#)

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]

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: [I Love You Lord With All My Heart by Ray Watson](#)

Scripture Reading:

Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Leviticus 19: 18

Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord

Mark 12: 28-34

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

"Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

Reflection on the Scripture:

Love God with Everything You've Got!

Hymn: [*You Shall Love The Lord*](#)

Prayer of Dedication for the Gifts We've Been Given

Thank you, O God, for the gifts of your people. Help us that we rely not on our own understanding in the use of these gifts, but to seek your wisdom. Knowing that as we do, your will be revealed and your people near and far will be blessed. Amen.

Announcements

A Prayer to Send us Back Out into the World (Benediction)

Leader: O God, send us out into the world in peace;

All: Help us to hold fast to that which is good.

Leader: Help us not to return evil for evil.

All: Help us to support the faint-hearted.

Leader: Help us to uphold the weak.

**All: Help us to honor all people. O God, help us so to live, for Jesus' sake.
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."](#)

Postlude: [The Greatest Commandment](#)

Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.



PRAYER LIST (10/31/21)

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
- Continued prayers for Nancy McGinnis, a friend of Susan And Russell's daughter Stacey was diagnosed with liver cancer. She is a 45 year mother of a 4th grade boy and an 8th grade boy
- For John Nicholson's father, whose chemo and surgery seem to be working
- For Barbara's neighbor, Les Reid, who is going through Chemotherapy and having to deal with all the issues that go with this treatment
- For Sue Laub's sister who has stage 4 kidney cancer which has spread. No treatment options left
- For the friends and family of Merri Scritchfield, who was a close friend of Donna's
- For those suffering from addiction
- 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: Morning¹

Loving God, draw me to your light, that I may avoid the dangers of sin and receive the freedom of your grace in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord Christ, as shadows of night draw near, sustain me by the light that banishes the fearful claim of death. Help me believe in you with all my heart that I may know the freedom of salvation and at last receive the joy of eternal life. Amen.

Questions for Reflection

Jesus asks his disciples to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow him. What does the light of God's truth reveal about your life? Are there parts of your life that you want to hide from God? Can you imagine what it would be like to live completely transparent to God's piercing light?

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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.

BCC YTD Financial Summary	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Income vs Expenses + / -
September	\$76,184	\$63,563	\$12,620

Please shop smile.amazon.com and choose Brookline Community Church as your charity to support the church. Thanks!

The church's financial obligations continue. 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 Below



3. Mail to: Brookline Community Church, PO Box 507, Brookline, NH 03033.

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, 603-801-5918) or Jill Aitken, chair of the Deacons (jgoods4@gmail.com, 973-713-7832) and they will get you to the right person.

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.

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** 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.

Making Music with the Band!

The band is always welcoming 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:

- Detergent
- Juice
- Cleaning supplies
- Graham crackers
- Paper towels
- Facial tissues
- Coffee

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.

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

SHARE CHRISTMAS



Please consider giving in the following ways:

Purchase a gift card for a child in any increment to Amazon,
Target, Walmart or any local store

Purchase a gift card for a single adult in \$25.00 increments to an
area grocery store, Walmart or Target.

Make a monetary donation for Share to buy Gift Cards.

**Place in Box in front hall at the church
Or
Mail to church at PO Box 507 Attn Outreach
By November 10th**

**Thank You
Outreach Board**

MANDATORY 10 digit local dialing is required for all customers in the New Hampshire 603 Area Code - Effective October 24, 2021

Will everyone in the 603 area code have to dial 10 digits for local calls?

Yes- Every customer with a number from the 603 area code will change to mandatory 10-digit dialing for local calls. Dialing 7 digits for local calls will be prohibited for all customers in the entire area code.

What will be the new dialing procedure?

To complete local calls, the new dialing procedure requires callers to dial the area code + telephone number. This means that all local calls in the entire 603 area code that are currently dialed with 7 digits will need to be dialed using the area code + telephone number.

Why is the local dialing plan changing?

On July 16, 2020, the FCC adopted an Order (FCC 20-100) approving 988 as the 3- digit abbreviated dialing code to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, starting July 16, 2022.

For 988 to work in the New Hampshire 603 area code, 10-digit local dialing must first be implemented. Implementation of this Order requires all covered providers to make 10-digit dialing mandatory for all local calls in the entire New Hampshire 603 area code.

Why is 10-digit dialing going to be required in this area code?

The FCC ordered that any area code that has the 988 prefix and has 7-digit local dialing be transitioned to 10-digit local dialing to ensure everyone is able to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline using the 3-digit 988 code.