



***Worship for the Season of Easter
New England Conference of The United Methodist Church***

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Prelude

Welcome

Hymn Gospel

Children's Message

Anthem

"Because He Lives" Mark 16:1-8

"My Testimony"

Rev. Erica Robinson-Johnson Director of Connectional Ministries

Mosaic Chapel, Roslindale MA

Stephanie Cyr
Gales Ferry UMC, CT

Rev. Tracy Reeves, Old Town ME

Union Gospel Ensemble and Friends
Pastor Jermaine Tilloch (lead vocalist)
Norris Welch, Crystal Collier, Robert Kelsey, Tonia Barlow, Bill Ellis, Chantal Charles,
Eddie Mallory, Khandice Kenebrew, Herb Jones, Angela Nelson, Will Pruitt (vocalists)
Plamen Karadonev (pianist)
Fabio Pirozzolo (percussionist)
Dimitar Bonev (bass)
Union UMC Boston MA

Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar

Various members of NEAC

Pastor Kerry Cameron, Burlington VT

Pastor Joseph Wilson, Lowell MA

Rev. Daniel Randall and children, Palestine Hannah Cote, Wanakee: Meredith NH

Rev. SeungRi Victor Han & children Houlton ME

Sermon Testimony

“What is our Easter Story?” “What if a Miracle Happened?”

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

“Fanfare on a Mighty Fortress”

Pianist: Linda Sturgis

Soloist: Elise K. Ruona, age 16 Buxton UMC, Maine

Lyrics: George Matheson

Lyrics and Music: David Moffitt/Sue C. Smith

Arrangement: Travis Cottrell

Bryan Hilliard, Trumpet

Kevin Tracy, Trumpet

Ami Fields, French Horn

Russell Bogartz, Trombone

Michael Stephan, Tuba

Crawford Memorial UMC, Winchester MA

Original lyrics and tune by Martin Luther, arranged by Tim Jameson

Hymn

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

Aldersgate UMC Chelmsford MA Singers: Cheryl Cruickshank, Holly and Peter Fipphen

Pianist: Maylis de la Fe

Words: William James Music: Henry T Smart

Pastor Gayle Holden, Richmond ME

Haven UMC, E. Providence RI Organ: Beverly Rathbun

Violin: 1 Juhee Lee

Violin 2: Christine Song *Composer: Robert W. Thygerson Tune by Frederick M. Lehman*

Worldwide UMC Discipleship Ministries 2021

Benediction

Postlude

“The Love of God”

“Thine Be the Glory”

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Buxton UMC, Maine

Crawford Memorial UMC, Winchester Massachusetts

Mosaic Chapel Roslindale, Massachusetts

Gales Ferry UMC, Connecticut

Old Town UMC, Stillwater Federated, Mattawamkeag UMC, Maine

Union UMC, Boston, Massachusetts

Camp Wanakee Meredith, New Hampshire

Houlton UMC, Maine

First UMC Burlington, Vermont

Centralville UMC Lowell, Massachusetts General Board of Global Ministries missionaries Aldersgate

UMC Chelmsford, Massachusetts Richmond UMC, Maine

Haven UMC East Providence, Rhode Island Members of the Worldwide UMC Choir



PRAYER LIST (04/25/21)

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;
- We pray for Rev. Cath as she recuperates at home and prepares for her knee surgery, which is being rescheduled.
- John Panto's colleague, Jim, who is cancer free after a long period of chemo
- For expectant parents and grandparents
- For Vicki Goodwin, who is recovering from COVID at home
- For Tammy McKay who is recovering from COVID at home
- For Tom McKay who is hospitalized in the ICU at St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua with COVID
- For those who have no one to pray for them, accept our prayers;
- Individuals serving in our military & their families

Joys and Concerns

Prayer 4/25

Breathe in this place, O Lord,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
to open our minds as we pray for those lifted up with joys.

We pray for John Panto's colleague, Jim, who is cancer free after a long period of chemo.

We pray for expectant parents and grandparents.

We pray for them knowing that we too will be lifted with joy.
Unlock our hearts, O Lord, as we pray for those weighed down with concerns.

We pray for Vicki Goodwin, who is recovering from COVID at home.

We pray for Tammy Mc Kay who is recovering from COVID at home.

We pray for Tom McKay who is hospitalized in the ICU at St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua with COVID.

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

We pray that you bring your loving presence ever closer to them in their time of need.
Enliven our faith, O Lord,
so that we may welcome
the risen one among us.
Amen.

Household Prayers

Household Prayer: Morning

Good shepherd, walk beside me through the joy and trouble of this day, and lead me in right paths for your name's sake. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Good shepherd, remain with me in the dark and stillness of this night, and let me lie down in safety to restore my soul. Amen.

A number of you have expressed an interest in learning Psalm 23 by heart. So it is included in this week's household prayers.

Psalm 23:

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Questions for Reflection

What does it mean to lay down our lives for one another (1 John 3:16)? Think about people who have been "good shepherds" for you, sharing the love and showing the way of Jesus Christ. Who has helped to lead you in right paths or walked with you in dark valleys? Who has given you comfort and calmed your fears? Who has shown you hospitality and grace, making a place at the table for you, even when you felt surrounded by enemies? How have you done these things for others?

Announcements:

Please shop 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.

BCC YTD Financial Summary	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Income vs Expenses + / -
March	\$24,471	\$22,683	\$1,788

The March/April edition of *The Upper Room* is available in the mail room, if you're looking for a printed daily Scripture reading and reflection to add to your spiritual practice.

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/>

Brookline Rotary Club

As this link describes, for \$50 a year, the Brookline Rotary will set up an American flag on your property for five days on 5 major patriotic holidays. They then take it down and store it until the next holiday. It is a service that helps you fly the colors while supporting the Rotary Club's good works in the community.

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

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, Cookies, Cookie Mix, Cheese Nip (or similar) crackers, Jello/Gelatin (any flavor), Sardines, Cereal (especially Raisin Bran or "fun" cereals) Apple or Cranberry Juice, Paper Towels, Coffee, Disposable Razors, Dry Cat Food, Dry Dog Food, Dish Soap, and 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

