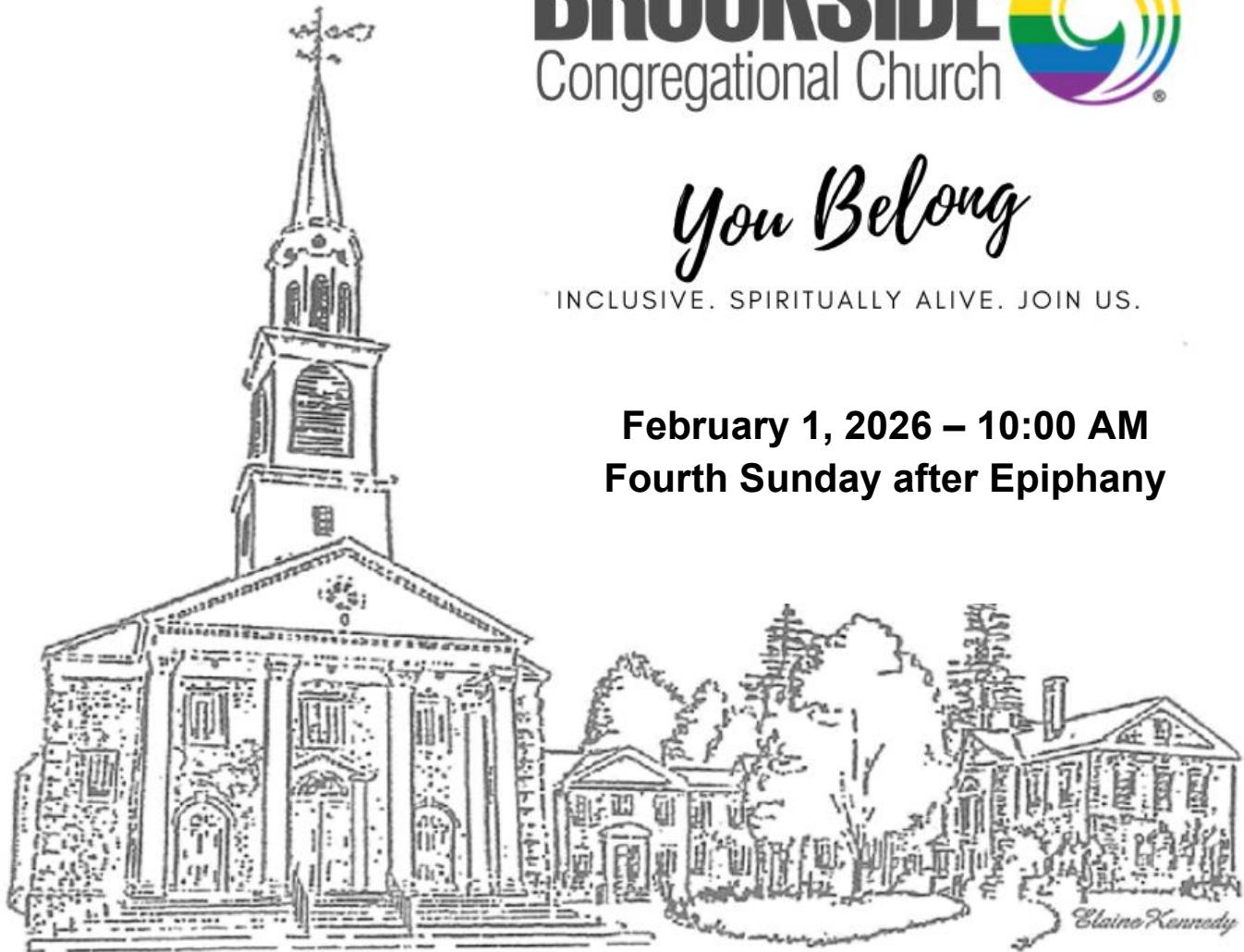




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**February 1, 2026 – 10:00 AM  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**



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\*Please Stand

# GREETING

The **flowers** last week were given in memory of Charles and Mary Manning and her father and mother Frank and Elenora Carpenter. Mary was the primary donor of the property on which Brookside Church now resides.

This morning Bill and Rosemary Hoysradt dedicate the **flowers** to all grandparents and their grandchildren.

## PRELUDE *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

# CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come worship God, our light and our stronghold.

**People:** We seek to live in the presence of God all the days of our lives.

Leader: God will shelter us when we are in any kind of trouble. God wants to keep us safe.

**People: We are called today, to set aside anything that blocks us from God.**

Leader: Our eyes are lifted so we can see the light of the Holy Spirit guiding us forward.

**People:** God is gracious with our coming in and going out.  
Praise be to God.

# OPENING PRAYER

God of light and love, we long to live in a world without violence and greed. We hope that your shelter is so wide that anyone can belong and everyone can be transformed by your love. But we fear that the quarrels between nations and neighbors will determine our relationships with you moving into the future. Help us trust in Your invitation to follow Jesus. Remind us that we can always let go of grudges and discontent, to walk in your light. With you as our companion, nothing is impossible. Remind us to release our negativity and believe in the power of Your Spirit. AMEN

## SCRIPTURE Micah 6:6-8 Judi Mitchell

“With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten

thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news[d] of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

SERMON      Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly  
                    Rev. Laura Biddle

ANTHEM      *What Does the Lord Require of You*      Brookside Choir  
OFFERTORY      *The Old Rugged Cross*

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done:  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORDS PRAYER

\*HYMN                   *O for a Closer Bond with God*                   N 450

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE           *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Deacon of the Week: Ed Mitchell

Reader: Judi Mitchell

Spirit Squad: Tanuma Family

Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg

Technology: Dale Trombley

As an open and affirming church, let's resume wearing our nametags so we can all get to know each other.



## *Please Remember in Prayer*



Family of Mayor Bob Baines	Lloyd Freese
Cliff and Martha Church	Anne Lachance
Susie Collins	Anna O'Donnell
Judy Foley	Tim Smith

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## Be Now My Vision

*Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905  
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.*

Unison

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;  
 2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,  
 4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—  
 ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;  
 you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,  
 You and you on - ly are first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.  
 now and for - ev - er your child I will be.  
 great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

# O for a Closer Bond with God

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William Cowper, 1769; alt.

Ps. 119:105; Isa. 30:18-22

1 O for a clos - er bond with God,  
2 Where is the bless - ed - ness we knew  
3 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn,  
4 The dear - est i - dols we have known,  
5 So shall our bond be close with God,

a calm and heav - enly frame, A light to shine up -  
when first our hearts were stirred? Where is the soul - re -  
sweet mes - sen - ger of peace! For - give our sins and  
as we our ways pur - sue; Help us to tear them  
calm and se - rene our frame; So pur - er light shall

on the road that leads us to the Lamb!  
fresh - ing view of Je - sus Christ, the Word?  
help us learn in Christ to find re - lease.  
from your throne, and wor - ship on - ly you.  
mark the road that leads us to the Lamb!