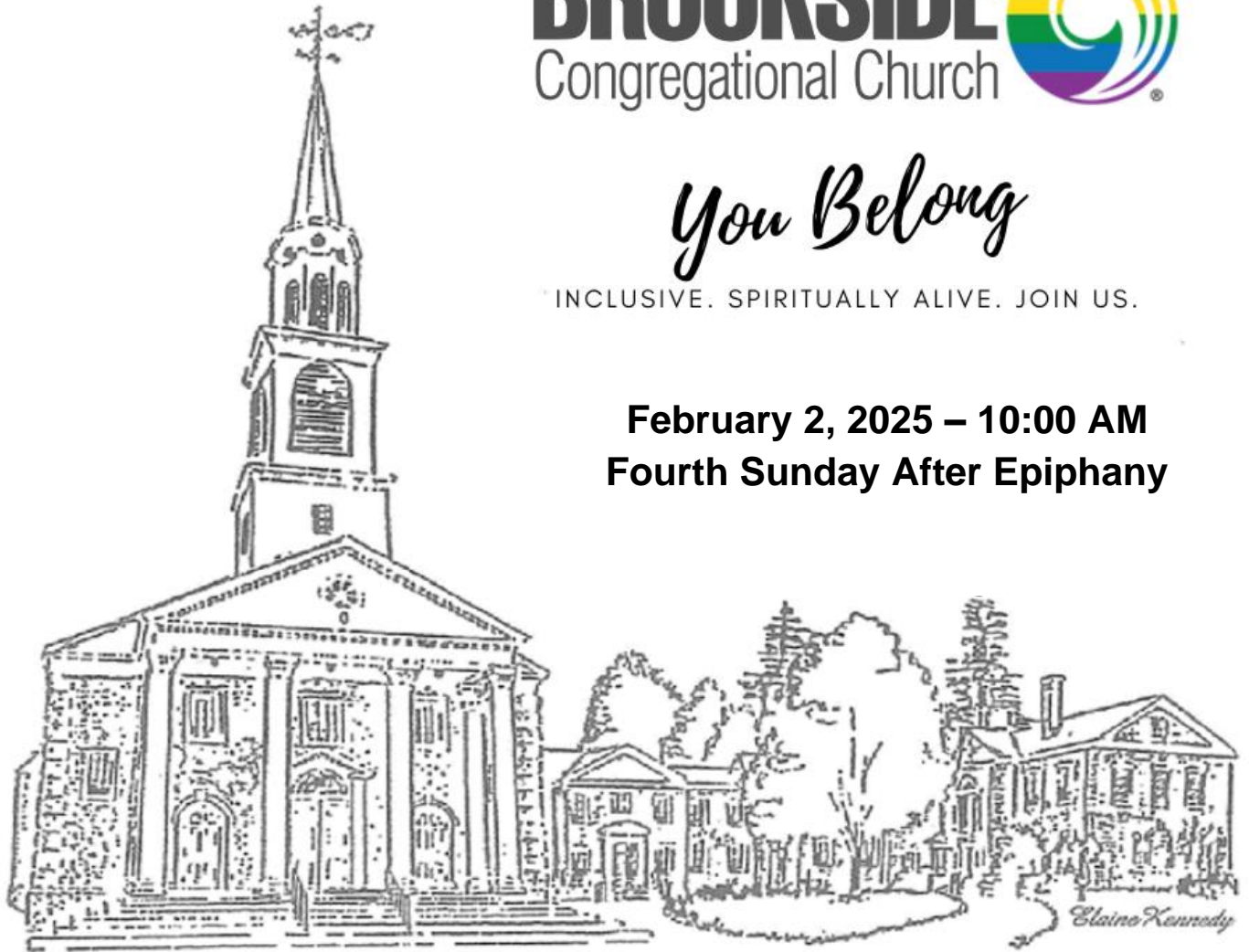


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**February 2, 2025 – 10:00 AM**  
**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GREETING

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus went home to worship God in his childhood synagogue.

**People: His message felt like gracious words flowing through him.**

Leader: Speaking of blessings for the people who struggle and for those who mourn, he touched, but also angered, the hearts of worshipers.

**People: Today, we open our hearts to his Word and his story. May his presence at the communion table be a reminder that he is always near.**

### OPENING PRAYER

God of wisdom, let the mountains hear our voices in prayer and praise. We gather in this sacred place to honor and adore you. We come humbly, declaring the bread and cup as our sign of Christ's love and presence. We give thanks that you lift up the weak and lowly and invite us to share in the journey with the disciples. We accept your invitation to worship here together. AMEN

\*HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together* N 330

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:21-30 Karen Content

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in

Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

SERMON

Going Home

Rev. Laura

ANTHEM

*By the Waters of Babylon*

Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY

\*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

\*HYMN

*Spirit of Gentleness (vs 1-3)*

N 286

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Deacon of the Week: Ed Mitchell

Reader: Karen Content

Spirit Squad: Daigle Family

Technology: Dale Trombley

Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg



*Please Remember in Prayer*



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1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 \* 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

My God, have mer-cy on me.

1-2 3

1-2 3

This musical score is for the hymn "My God, have mercy on me." It is written in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written in a soprano clef and features a melody with a long note on "me." The piano accompaniment is written in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) and provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. Both the vocal and piano parts include a first ending (1-2) and a second ending (3) marked above the staff.

## Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Unison, brightly**James K. Manley, 1978; alt.**Refrain*

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G D

*Last time, end*

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the  
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the  
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a  
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you  
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their  
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you  
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -  
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -  
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -  
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 *to Refrain*

bers and rise on your wings."  
 ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 ple on the rush of the wind.  
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.