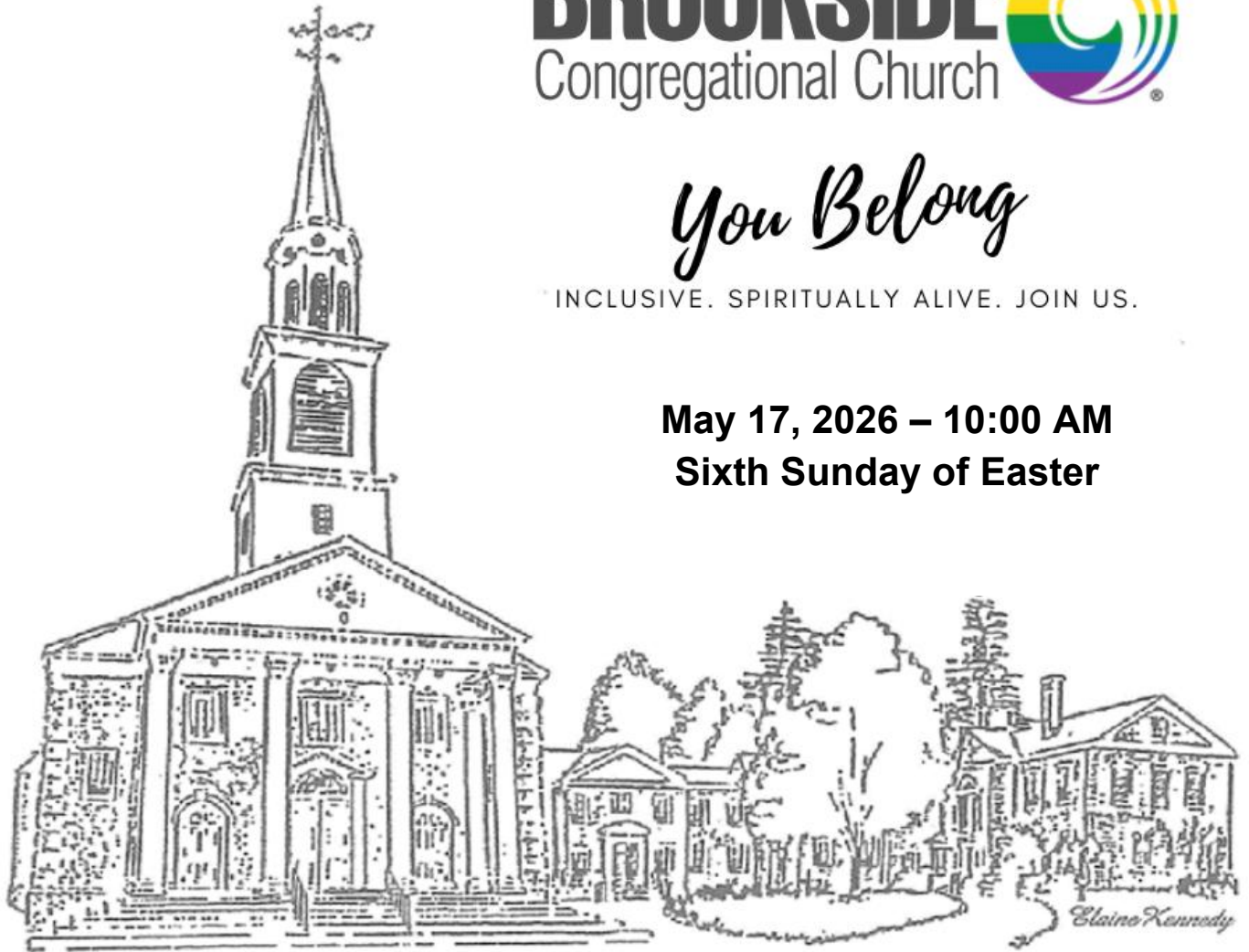


BROOKSIDE 
Congregational Church

You Belong

INCLUSIVE. SPIRITUALLY ALIVE. JOIN US.

May 17, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Sixth Sunday of Easter



Rev. Laura Biddle, Minister
Michelle Jaques, Music Leader
Heather Bridges, Choir Leader
Christina Alvarez and Amber Nicole Cannon, Youth Troupe
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*Please Stand

GREETING

The **flowers** this morning are given in loving memory of Betsy Antonucci. Loving wife, mother, sister, and friend who joined our Lord on May 17, 2014. She will be forever missed by Scott, Nolan, Meridith Antonucci as well as by many others who knew and loved her.

PRELUDE

How Great is Our God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The peace of God be with you today. Receive the promise of the Holy Spirit being near.

People: We feel the winds of the Spirit's presence blowing among us; the waves of the sea remind us of the vast beauty of God.

Leader: How amazing is the power of God. Our Creator God is revealed in each breath we take.

People: May the breath of God renew our strength and restore our resilience. The Spirit creates new life within and among us.

Leader: God calls us to be dreamers and prophets. God gives us a vision of a world of peace.

People: Let's praise God with word and song. Trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

Powerful God, whose ways are beyond our knowing, we long to grow spiritually. We are hungry for the nourishment you offer. We are thirsty for your living water. Eager to feel the presence of your Holy Spirit, we trust you to teach us how to use the gifts we have been given. Inspire us to witness your love in our scriptures today. And remind us that the love of Christ is always guiding us towards You.

*HYMN *How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies* (vs 1, 2& 4) N 594

SCRIPTURE

John 21: 9-14

Laura Schneider

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though

there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

SERMON	Back to the Boats	Rev. Laura Biddle
ANTHEM	<i>Kumbaya</i>	Brookside Choir
PRAYERS		
LORD’S PRAYER		
OFFERTORY		
*DOXOLOGY	<i>O Jesus, I Have Promised</i>	
*HYMN	<i>You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore</i>	<i>N 173</i>
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>My Hope Is Built</i>	

Deacon of the Week: Chris Taylor
Reader: Laura Schneider
Spirit Squad: Trecartin Family
Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg
Technology: Dale Trombley

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

Please note: Next Sunday’s Worship Service on Sunday, May 24 will be **livestream only**. There will not be in person worship on that date.

 *Please Remember in Prayer* 

Cliff and Martha Church
Susie Collins
Sis Dunn
Judy Foley and Lloyd Freese

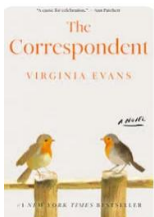
Anne Lachance
Tricia Lucas
Leigh Polish
Anna O'Donnell

Brookside's sponsor children: Eben Gulo and Ryan Pierre
~ Sakubva Church, UCC – the center candle celebrates our
Ukama Partnership since 1996 ~



Scan the code to
donate to
Brookside Church.

Envelopes for special Mission donations can be found at the church entrances.



Book Group

Join Laura for a riveting discussion of *The Correspondent* on **Tuesday, May 26th at 6:00 pm** on Zoom. To register, please email the **office**. The Zoom link will be emailed to participants the week before the group meets.

Springtime Bible Study

Join us for a Springtime Bible Study on **Sunday, May 31, at 8:30 am** in the Manning House Dining Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Summer Camp Scholarships

Scholarships are available for Brookside members who are registered to attend the Horton Center summer camp. Scholarship amounts will be terminated based on the number of requests received. If you would like to request a scholarship, please contact the office.

Spring Clean Up

Join the Stewardship Ministry as we clean up the Brookside grounds on **Saturday, May 2, from 9 am to noon**. Bring your work gloves and any tools, rakes, etc. Wheelbarrows will be provided. All volunteers are greatly appreciated to help keep this large property looking spectacular! Many hands make light work!

Attention High School Graduates

Graduation time is quickly approaching. Please help us celebrate both our recent graduates and also those who are planning to start their college or trade school journey in the fall. We would like to celebrate these achievements on Gratitude Sunday, June 14, 2026. It would be great if you could share the accomplishment and the plans for the future.

Please contact Louise at admin@Brooksidecc.org with information to help us ensure that we recognize all important student milestones.

Youth Troupe Summer Camp 2026

Excerpts from the Musical

GODSPELL

July 27 - 31

**FREE 1-week performing arts day camp
for kids ages 6* - 13!**

*Children must be able to read fluently at 1st grade level

Register at: 

Tú has venido a la orilla

(You Have Come down to the Lakeshore)

Mat. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11

Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979; al
Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1989; al

System 1:

1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
 2 Tú sa - bes bien lo que ten - go: en mi
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well my pos - ses - sions. Nei - ther

System 2:

ca - do ni a sa - bios, ni a ri - cos, tan só - lo
 bar - ca no hay o - ro ni es - pa - das; tan só - lo
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, But on - ly
 trea - sure nor weap - ons for con - quest, Just these my

System 3:

Estrillo (Refrain)
 D7

que - res que yo te si - ga. Je -
 re - des y mi tra - ba - jo. jo.
 ask - ing for me to fol - low. O
 fish - nets and will for work - ing.

System 4:

sús, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos;
 Je - sus, you have looked in - to my eyes;

A7 D

son - ri - en - do, has di - cho mi nom - bre;
 kind - ly smil - ing, you've called out my name.

D7 G F#m

en la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca;
 On the sand I have a - ban - doned my small boat;

B7 Em A7 D

jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
 now with you I will seek oth - er seas.



Brookside Summer Activity Kits to support children & youth

Help us to pack our Brookside “You Belong” string bags.

How can you help?

- Please choose items from this checklist and bring to Brookside between April 20th – May 17th. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex. We are trying to fill a total of 30 packs with these items!**

Sidewalk chalk package – <u>8 piece</u> pkg size	Playground balls (6” – 8” size)
Washable markers – <u>8 piece</u> pkg size	Inflatable beach balls
Crayons – <u>16 or 24 piece</u> pkg size	Bubbles (4 oz size)
Coloring or Activity Books (appropriate for preschool – 5th grade)	Children’s sunglasses
Single Subject Notebooks (8 ½” X 11” paper size)	Nut-free snacks (individual portion/package size)
Books (appropriate for preschool – 5th grade)	Monetary donations to help fill the string bags are very welcome as well

We will all be able to help to pack these bags Sunday June 14th.

Thank you for your help!

This work helps us further support our Community Partners – Waypoint:

(ages 12 – 25yrs), Amoskeag Health Services: (Elem School Age Children & Families), and Community Action Partnership Hillsborough/Rockingham (CAPHR): (Preschool Age & Families)