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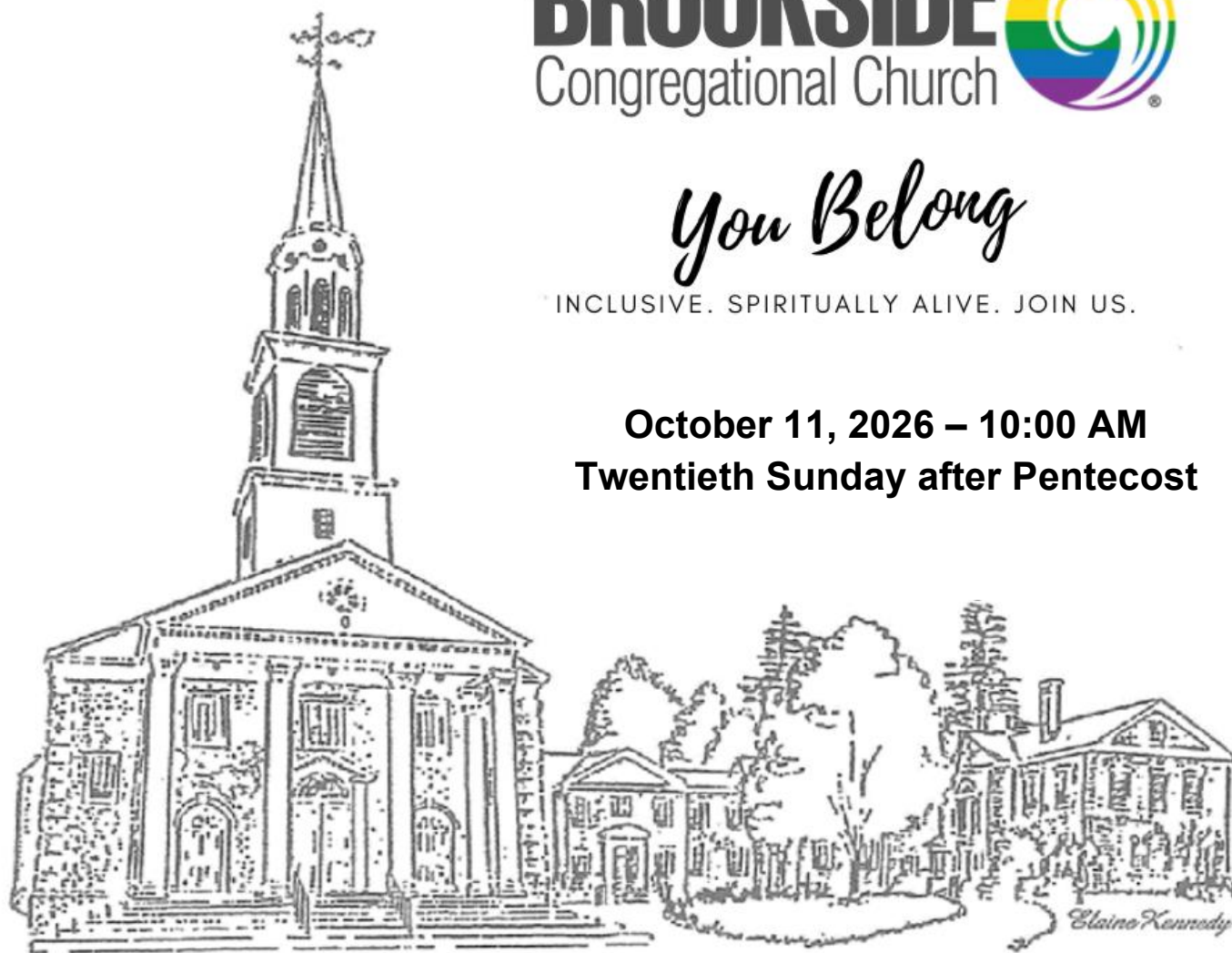
Congregational Church



You Belong

INCLUSIVE. SPIRITUALLY ALIVE. JOIN US.

October 11, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



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

PRELUDE

I Know Who I Have Believed

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come into this sacred space with a longing to understand God's Inclusive messages. Jesus is consistently drawing people into his ministry of love and respect.

People: We come on this weekend of awareness of our sister and brother Indigenous peoples. May we be united as God's children.

Leader: Be grateful for this hour of worship as we hear the word of God with open minds.

People: May we be blessed with a deeper understanding of the lessons from Jesus. Let us be the church at worship.

OPENING PRAYER

Great Spirit, Holy One, God of Grace, we are here today to celebrate your presence in our lives. We admit that our busy minds are often distracted from your loving influence; We hold fast to worries and insecurities. Set us free during this time of worship. Bless us with a renewed understanding of your grace and acceptance. Help us settle into this sacred space with appreciation for all that You bring to our worship and to our lives. AMEN

*HYMN

Spirit of the Living God

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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22: 1-14

Christina Alvarez

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go

therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

MESSAGE

Clothed in Faith

Kira Morehouse

ANTHEM

Wade In the Water

Brookside Choir

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Deacon of the Week: Chris Taylor

Reader: Christina Alvarez

Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg

Technology: Brian Brady



Our Homebound Members and Friends.

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



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

Joining Brookside

Interested in becoming a member of the Brookside Community? If so, please reach out to Rev. Laura. (revlaura@brooksideecc.org) We are planning a new member joining ceremony some time in this fall.

The **Brookside Choir** is looking for new members to help us make a “joyful noise” during our Sunday worship services. No prior choir experience is necessary. You do not have to commit to being there every week - all that is required is a desire to sing and have fun!

The Brookside Choir will host a breakfast of coffee and donuts in the Narthex on Sunday, November 1st at 8:30 am. Come meet the choir, have breakfast, and stay for choir practice at 9:00am in the sanctuary. We will begin practicing music for Advent and Christmas that day. Please join us!

Fall Book Group - October 27 on Zoom

Join Rev. Laura for our fall book group on **Tuesday, October 27 at 6:00 pm** on Zoom. We will be discussing "I See You've Called In Dead" by John Kenney. It is a dark comedic book about a disillusioned obituary writer who accidentally publishes his own death notice. We will explore themes of life and mortality, and grief and connection. Please get in touch with the office if you would like to join us

UCC Neighbors in Need Special Offering

Throughout the month of October, all of us at Brookside have the opportunity to participate in the 2026 United Church of Christ (UCC) Neighbors in Need offering. This year all of the Special Offerings are part of "A Year of Love" with each offering guiding and encouraging us towards generosity rooted in love. The 2026 UCC Neighbors in Need theme is "Advocacy and Justice Ministries". This offering is based on Ephesians 5:2 "Walk in love, as Christ loved us". As noted by the UCC, "this offering is transformative because it calls us to work towards collective justice, creating a genuine ecosystem of people who work collaboratively across issues and geographies to bring about social change". Neighbors in Need funds justice ministries engaged in advocacy and direct support. One-third of the offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), comprising over 20 Native congregations and over 1,000 individuals in the UCC, and two-thirds funds justice efforts in the National Ministries.

Donations for this special offering may be made via the DONATE button at Brooksidecc.org/donate or through Special offering envelopes located in the Narthex.

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Daniel Iverson, 1926

Acts 11:15; 2 Cor. 3:1-6; Gal. 5:25

F Gm D Gm F Dm C F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;

F Gm D Gm F B $\flat$ /C C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

B $\flat$ F G7 C

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

F Gm D Gm F Dm C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Nun danket alle Gott

(Now Thank We All Our God)

Sir. 50:20-24; 39:35; Ps. 67

Martin Rinkart, 1647; transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

1 Nun dank - et al - le Gott, mit Herz - en, Mund und Händ - en,
 1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God our Mak - er now be giv - en,

der gro - sse Ding - e tut an uns und al - len End - en;
 Who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es,
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 To Christ, and Spir - it, too, our help in high - est heav - en,

der uns von Mut - ter - leib und Kind - es - bein - en an
 Who, from our par - ents' arms, has blessed us on our way
 And keep us still in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 The one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore,

un - zäh - lig viel zu gut bis hier-her hat ge - tan.
 With count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 And free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 For thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.