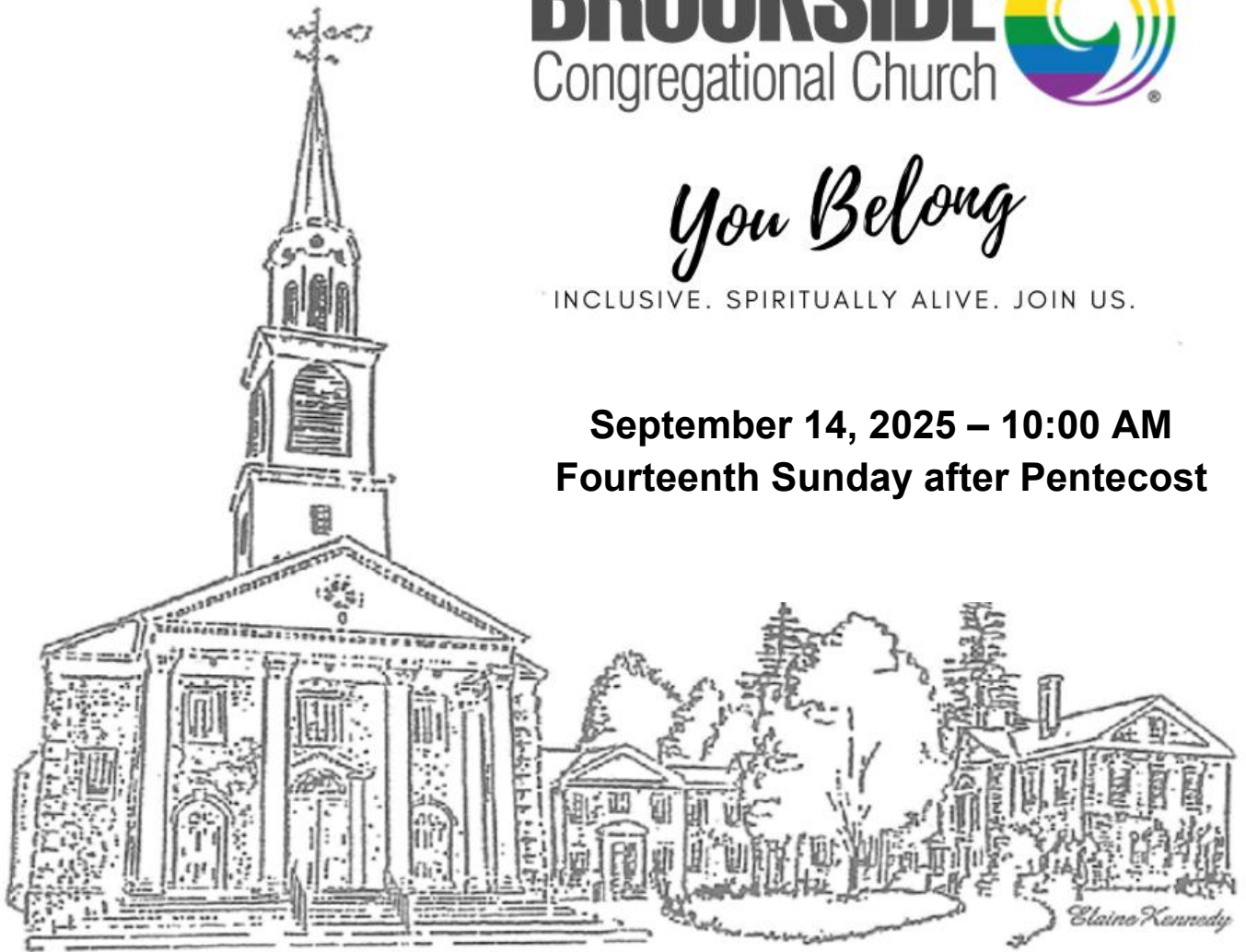




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September 14, 2025 – 10:00 AM
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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*Please Stand

GREETING

PRELUDE

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

The **flowers** today are given in thanks for all of our family, children, grandchildren, grandparents and anyone who needs that mother's touch.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Pause people of God, and let us remember the deeds and words of Jesus.

People: God has saved us from our self-absorption in difficult times. God has blessed us with a guiding hand.

Leader: When faith is challenged and our trust in God wavers, we need to find ways to return to God.

People: We need not be afraid to release our fears, for we are in God's care wherever we go.

Leader: Sing the praises of God and know that God is our strength and our light.

People: How great is God's mercy for all who worship!

OPENING PRAYER

Majestic God, who led our spiritual ancestors with courage and kindness, protected them by night, and led them through threatening times, be here with us we pray. Save us from our overwhelming worries. Grant strength to those who feel weak and powerless. Bless those who stumble and are in need of your guidance. Help us discover the blessings of forgiveness. AMEN

*HYMN

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:1-10

Jane Sherwin

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice

with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

SERMON Searching for the Lost Rev. Laura Biddle

ANTHEM *Home: Holden/Pearson/Billingsley* Brookside 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

LORDS PRAYER

*HYMN *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Marching to Zion*

Deacon of the Week: Chris Taylor

Reader: Jane Sherwin

Spirit Squad: The Drewry Family

Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg

Technology: Brian Brady



Please Remember in Prayer



Cliff and Martha Church
Karen Content
Michael Drewry
Linda Fleming

Anne Lachance
Anna O'Donnell
Jean Peterson

Brookside's sponsor children: Eben Gulo and Ryan Pierre
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New to Brookside Reception today following the service.
All Fellowship Receptions will be held in the Narthex while the lower level is
under construction.

Brookside Choir

Do you like to sing? Does music bring you joy? 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. Just come, sing,
and have fun! We practice at 8:30am in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.
Please join us!

Join the Spirit Squad

Spirit Squad is a great way to get to know Brookside better, for those who are called to serve, but have limited time, and for families to experience and teach a mindset of service, leadership, community, and active church participation. Spirit Squad provides worship engagement opportunities for families and individuals, young and old, members and non-members.

The Spirit Squad assists the Deacons in preparing the sanctuary for worship, setting-up post-worship fellowship, ushering and greeting, reading the call to worship and scripture, collecting offertory, and preparing and serving communion.

If you, or someone you know, is interested, or has any questions, please contact Joy Drewry at **thedrewrys@comcast.net** or **603-486-8040**.

Rev. Laura's Fall Book Group - Save the Date

On Thursday, October 23 at 6:00 pm the "Brookside Bookers" will be discussing the book "James" by Percival Everett. Join us for a fascinating discussion led by Rev. Laura. **To register, please send your name and email to admin@brooksideecc.org**. The Zoom link will be sent to registered participants the week of the book group.

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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

The musical score is written for a unison voice part and guitar accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 3/4 time. The score consists of a refrain and four numbered verses. The refrain is marked 'Unison, brightly' and 'Refrain'. The guitar part includes chords: D, G, A, Dsus4, D, Bm, E7, Asus7, A7, and D. The lyrics are as follows:

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the
 wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,
 Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from
 plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.
 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.

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Ps. 36:7-9

Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.

1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
 2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!

streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
 come to trust, at ev-ery turn-ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
 Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:

Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail-ing love.
 Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

AN EVENING UNDER THE STARS

“Heart of the Matter”

Join us Saturday, September 20th from 5:00pm – 7:30pm for what is sure to be a wonderful get-together for our church community. Enjoy a delicious meal by Brambleberry Farm & Catering with specially paired wines and live music by Carleton Page.

A time to reconnect and be energized as we enter a new season and a very exciting time for Brookside. Last year's event proved to be truly magical, what a great opportunity to invite family and friends to experience this evening under the stars as we mingle in the Manning House and on the beautiful grounds that abut this historic space.

Tickets are \$40.00 per person and can be purchased by sending a check to the office or you can order online by clicking the link below. The deadline for purchasing tickets is September 12th. Seating is limited to 40 - don't delay!

See you on the 20th!!

Please send an email request to admin@brooksidecc.org if you would like to receive the link to order tickets or scan the QR Code below.

