

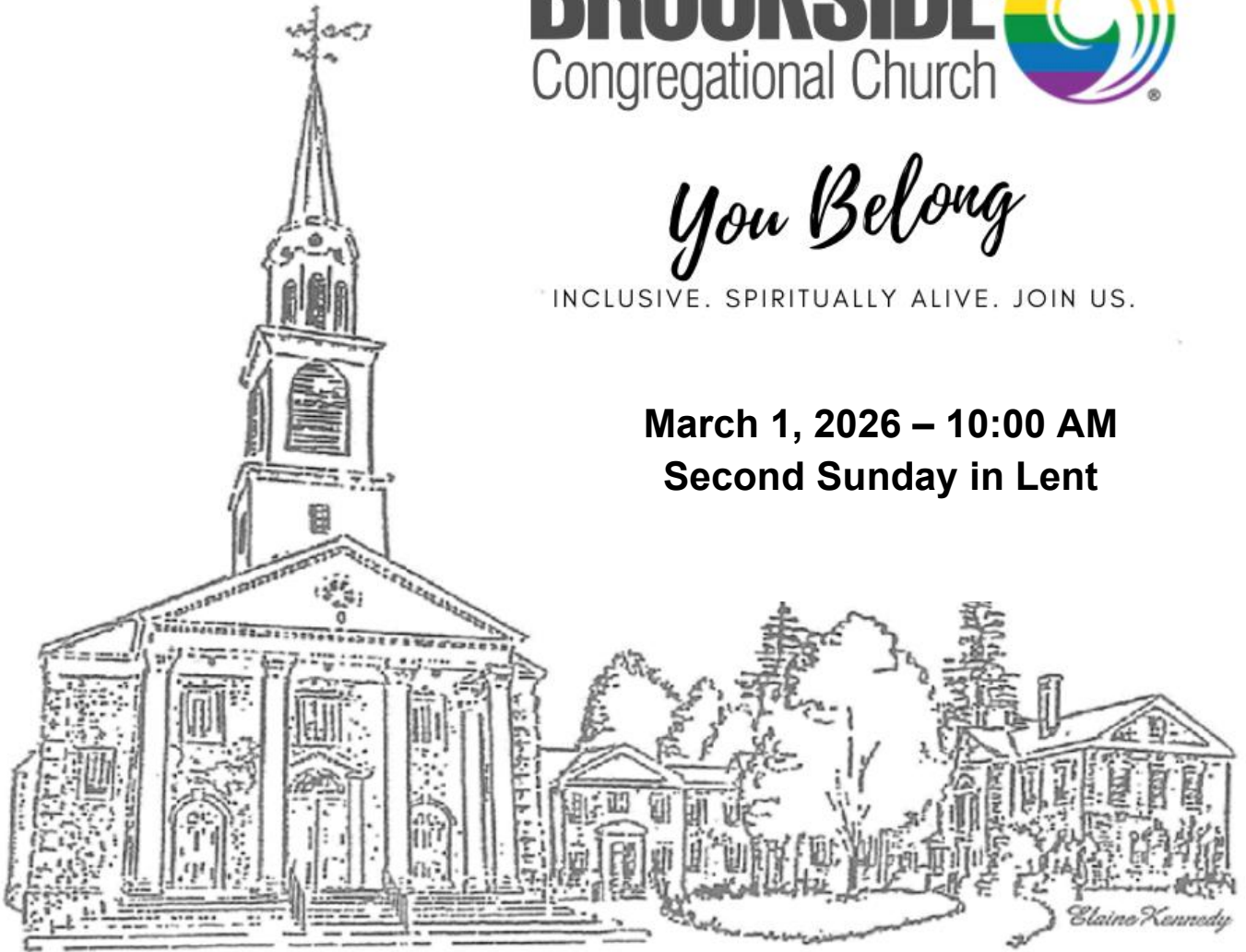
BROOKSIDE
Congregational Church



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March 1, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Second Sunday in Lent



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Heather Bridges, Choir Leader
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Youth go Directly to Performing Arts.

*Please Stand

GREETING

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

PRELUDE *Mo Betta Blues; Blanchard*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Enter this sacred space with soft eyes. Observe your relationship with the cross. Choose a symbol that draws you closer to Jesus.

People: Some of us need to look away from the cross because it holds so much sorrow. Some of us find deep peace in the cross.

Leader: Jesus suffered on his way to Golgotha. We cannot fathom the cruelty he faced as he turned towards Jerusalem.

People: Yet, we know that his suffering brings us closer to him and to one another. Whether our hearts ache, our bodies are frail, or our minds are confused, Jesus comforts us.

Leader: May we be together and alone today as we take this Lenten journey to the cross. Let us be the church at worship.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we lift our eyes to the cross this morning. As often as we see this symbol as a sign of the presence of your son Jesus, we rarely allow ourselves to see him nailed to the cross. Knowing that he rises doesn't lessen the sadness of his death. We confess our discomfort with Your suffering. With so much darkness in our world, too often we become numb by our powerlessness. Today, longing for your light, help us be with Jesus as he faces his death on the cross and we prepare for our grief. Forgive us and grant us your blessings. Amen.

*HYMN

Lift High the Cross

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SCRIPTURE

John 19:1-16

Judi Mitchell

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God." Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of Caesar. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against Caesar." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover, and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

Luke 23:34

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing"

SERMON

They Know Not What They Do

Rev. Laura Biddle

ANTHEM

We Walk By Faith

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

Blessed Assurance

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

At the Cross; Watts

Special thanks to Jordan Gravel, our Guest Music Leader

Deacon of the Week: Ed Mitchell

Reader: Judi Mitchell

Spirit Squad: Schneider 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



Cliff and Martha Church
Susie Collins
Linda Fleming
Judy Foley

Lloyd Freese
Anne Lachance
Anna O'Donnell
Tim Smith

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.

Spring Ahead next Sunday! Remember to turn your clocks ahead.

Lenten Bible Study

Sunday, March 8, 15, & 22 at 8:30 am in the Manning House Dining Room.

The theme for our Lenten series this year is "The Last Words of Jesus."
Our study will prepare us for the worship experience at 10:00 am. All are
welcome. Please let us know if you are interested in attending.

Musical Lenten Journey

Brookside's got talent and we want you to share it! Throughout Lent (February
22 – March 29, we will feature instrumentalists during Offertory each Sunday.
If you play an instrument and would be willing to share your talent with us,
please reach out to Heather Bridges so we can get you on the schedule.
(hjbridges@comcast.net)

*Acts 17:30-31; Rev. 7:9-14**Fanny Crosby, 1873; alt.*

1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blessed; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

God, born of the Spir - it, washed in Christ's blood.
 bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 bove, filled with God's good - ness, lost in Christ's love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long;

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Corned Beef Boiled Dinner - Saturday, March 14, 4-7 pm

Due to the installation of fire suppression, we are offering our Annual Corned Beef Boiled Dinner to members & their invited guests on Saturday, March 14, 4-7 pm at no cost. RSVP is required because seating is limited to 50 in the Manning House. RSVP to Louise at admin@brooksidecc.org

Lift High the Cross

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George William Küchlin (1827-1912)
Rev. by Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916; alt.

John 1:29-34; Rom. 5:6-11; 6:3-8; Rev. 7:9-17; 22:1-5

Refrain, in unison

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim; Let

Last time, end

all a - dore and praise that sa - cred name.

Stanzas, in harmony

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, the
2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied bears
3 O Christ, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, your
4 Set up your throne, that earth's de - spair may cease, be -
5 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: praise

to Refrain

Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ the Child of God,
on the brow the seal of Christ who died.
death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.
to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Mission Moment

YWCA of Palestine – Jalazone Kindergarten and Community Center (Continued)

The school and connected community center address the needs of over 80 children and their families within the camp. In a place that is often subjected to raids and night-time patrols by the Israeli military, children are not immune from the trauma the residents of the camp experience. As a result, the YWCA has added awareness and counselling sessions to regular classes to help improve the psychological well-being of the children there.

The opportunities that the YWCA affords the community through the kindergarten benefit the children, their families, and the teachers as well, providing a safe space for play and employing techniques to cope with the stress of daily life living in sub-par circumstances of a refugee camp under military occupation.

The pride the children have when they dress up for their graduation ceremony is palpable. They enjoy the celebration of their accomplishment, and anticipate their next stages of education and life better able and prepared for the challenges they will face.



Watch this video to learn more about One Great Hour of Sharing - https://youtu.be/4_GIXO-kyOw