

March 17, 2026

BROOKSIDE
Congregational Church



The Brookside Bridge

Keeping You Connected



Minister's Message

On the fifth Sunday of Lent, we join the Disciples in the place called Gethsemane where they wait for Jesus. He asks them to stay awake while he prays, but they fall asleep. Grieved and agitated with the uncertainty of what's happening, they are exhausted. Come to worship with compassion for how exhausted everyone feels. We understand how difficult it is to stay alert when so much is happening around us.

Youth will go to Performing Arts to prepare for the Palm Sunday entrance the following week.

Please join me at 8:30 for our final Lenten Bible Study in the Manning House dining room. Everyone is welcome!

Sincerely,
Rev. Laura

God Bless You,
Rev. Laura



Lenten Bible Study

March 22 at 8:30 am in the Manning House Dining Room.

This Sunday, we will be talking about the resurrection walk to Emmaus.



Easter Plants - DEADLINE TOMORROW

Donate an Easter plant to help us adorn the altar on Easter (April 5) with a profusion of lovely flowering plants – in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special person or event, or “just because.” If you would like to donate a plant for Easter Sunday, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by **Wednesday, March 18.**

I/We _____ wish to

order _____ Easter Plant (s)

in memory of _____ and/or:

in honor of _____

Choice of Plants: *Quantity*
Easter Lilies _____ @ \$16.00 each
Tulips _____ @ \$13.00 each
Hyacinths _____ @ \$13.00 each

_____ Please donate my plants _____ I will pick up my plants

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (Made payable to Brookside Congregational Church). Plants may be picked up after the 10 am service on Easter Sunday

Maundy Thursday

April 2 at 7:00 pm gather for a reading of "Following Jesus in the Shadows," a script written by Rev. Laura. This dramatic experience includes Holy Communion and storytelling from people who loved Jesus and were present at his crucifixion.



Easter

Easter comes early this year. On **Sunday, April 5**, come to the garden where you will see the empty cross. During our worship service, we will journey towards the resurrection made visible by placing flowers on the cross. This colorful transformation from emptiness to fullness symbolizes that Jesus Christ is risen today. The Nottingham Brass will join us as the whole community sings the Alleluia Chorus together. An Easter egg hunt will follow for grades 3 and under.

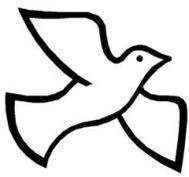


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After Worship Fellowship

Please join us after Sunday worship for Fellowship! Following indoor worship, we meet in the Narthex. It's a great way to get to learn more about the happenings at Brookside and build relationships with your fellow Brooksidiers. All are welcome!



Send In Your Prayer Requests

Please remember to send in your prayers for our Sunday service. (joys and concerns) Email your request to admin@brooksideecc.org or call the office at 669-2807.

Gals On The Go

Join us for an informal fellowship for members and friends of Brookside on the **first Tuesday of the month at 11:45 am** at the Granite State Lunchbox, 1750 Elm St., rear entrance. Come enjoy lunch, fellowship, and discussion.



No Green Bananas

This group of retired Brookside men meets on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 9 am** at the Granite State Lunchbox, 1750 Elm St., rear entrance, to enjoy breakfast and discussion.



Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Please consider a donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund so that Rev. Laura can assist our members and friends facing critical financial needs.

Supporting Brookside Congregational Church

Offerings and pledges can be mailed to the Church office at the address below. If you would like to give online, please click on the button below.

[Donate Here](#)



Do You Need Medical Equipment?

Did you know that Brookside has a Medical Equipment Closet? There are crutches, canes, shower chairs, and more, available for use by anyone who needs them. Borrow for short-term or long-term use, keep as long as you need to. Contact the office (**603-669-2807**) for more information.

*****Currently we are not accepting donations.**

BROOKSIDE CALENDAR

Thursday March 19th
7:30 am Capital Campaign
Mtg., via Zoom

Sunday, March 22nd
8:30 am Bible Study,
Manning House Dining
Room
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,
Sanctuary
10:00 am Worship,
Sanctuary
11:00 am Fellowship,
Narthex

Tuesday, March 24th
9:00 Staff Meeting, Rev.
Laura's Office

Thursday March 26th
7:30 am Capital Campaign
Mtg., via Zoom

Sunday, March 29th
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,
Sanctuary
10:00 am Worship,
Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 31
9:00 am Staff Meeting, Rev.
Laura's office

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