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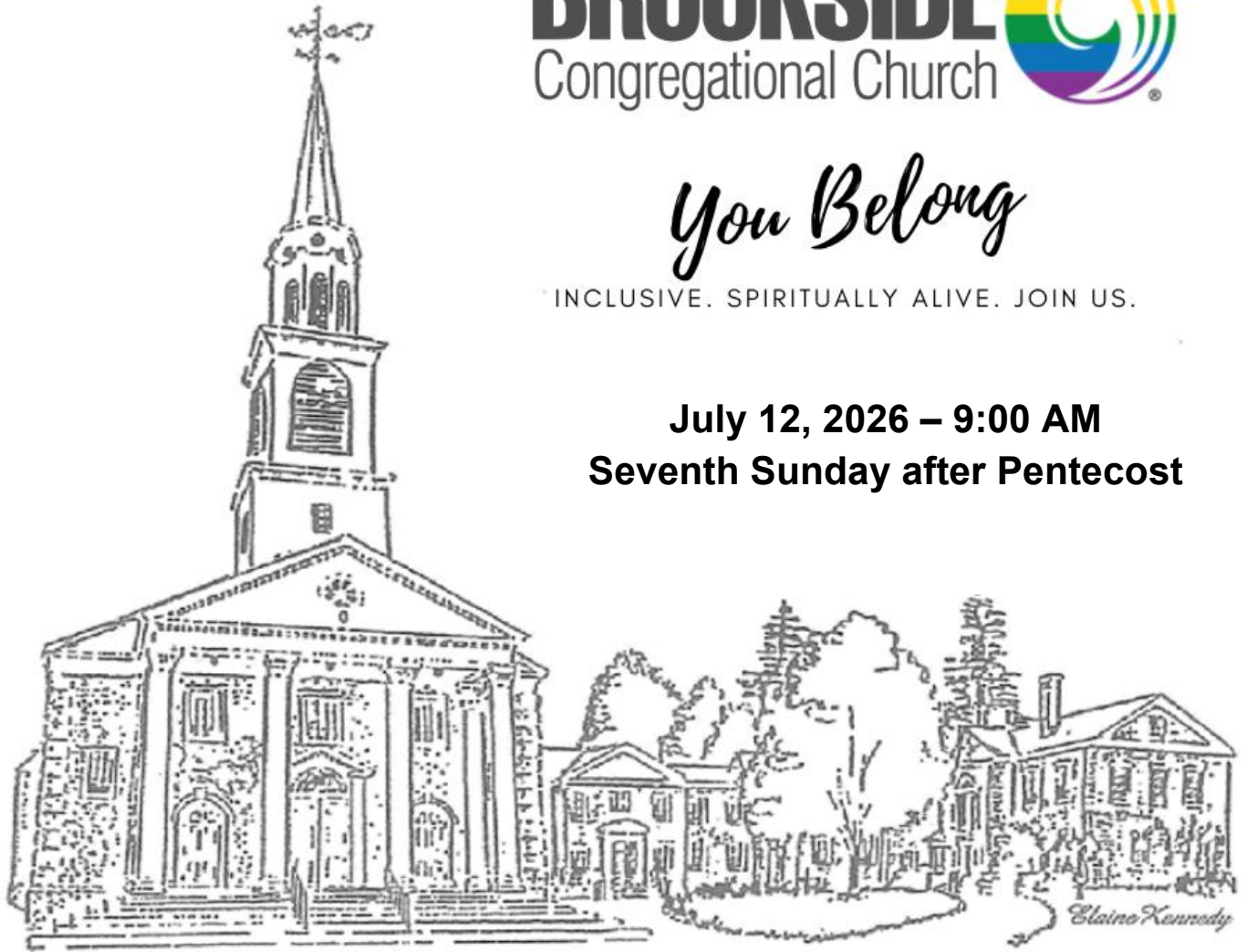
Congregational Church



You Belong

INCLUSIVE. SPIRITUALLY ALIVE. JOIN US.

July 12, 2026 – 9:00 AM
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Rev. Laura Biddle, Minister
Jordan Gravel, Summer Music Leader
Heather Bridges, Choir Leader
Christina Alvarez and Amber Nicole Cannon, Youth Troupe
Louise Popp, Church Administrator

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*Please Stand

GREETING

PRELUDE *God Bless the Child; Herzog*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

People: Let us open ourselves to receive the Word of God's people.

Leader: Open your heart and mind to the power of God's Spirit.

People: We long to know love's embrace deep within us.

Leader: The Spirit of God dwells in you and offers you new life.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving and gentle God, we are grateful for the freedom you offer to make our own response to the possibilities you lay before us. Help us to hear the stories that Jesus tells and discern the meaning for our lives. Come to us in the midst of our diversity to bring understanding and mutual caring. We long for the richness of spirit only you can provide. Feed us here, we pray. AMEN.

*HYMN *Spirit of the Living God*

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SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"

"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a

person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

MESSAGE	Tending the Soil	Kira Morehouse
ANTHEM	<i>Leave It There</i>	
	Leigh Levine, Josh Zitta, and Dale Trombley	

PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY	<i>Word of God Speak</i>	Heather Bridges
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*DOXOLOGY

*HYMN	<i>For the Healing of the Nations</i>	N 576
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE	<i>Oh Happy Day; Hawkins</i>
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Deacon of the Week: Chris Taylor
Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg
Technology: Brian Brady

*Special thanks to our guest musicians;
Leigh Levine, Josh Zitta, and Dale Trombley*



Please Remember in Prayer



Cliff and Martha Church
Susie Collins
Julia Distefano
Sis Dunn
Brad Fournier and Wife
Judy Foley and Lloyd Freese

Anne Lachance
Tricia Lucas
McKnight Family
Leigh Polish
Anna O'Donnell

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Summer Book Group - Tuesday, August 25 at 6:00 pm on Zoom

This writer is extraordinary. He has captured relationships between friends, both living and dead, with a stroke of genius. We meet characters of all ages as we learn something about the joy of making art with all of its depth, creativity, and spontaneity. Fredrik Backman's book, *My Friends*, is a great summer read and will be a fascinating foundation for our discussion. To register, please contact Louise by August 17.

Spirit of the Living God

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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 Bb/C C7 F

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

Bb 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.

For the Healing of the Nations

Fred Kaan, 1965


1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

**Brookside Congregational Church
Youth Troupe Summer Camp**



July 27 - 31

**FREE 1-week performing arts day camp
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*Children must be able to read fluently at 1st grade level

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