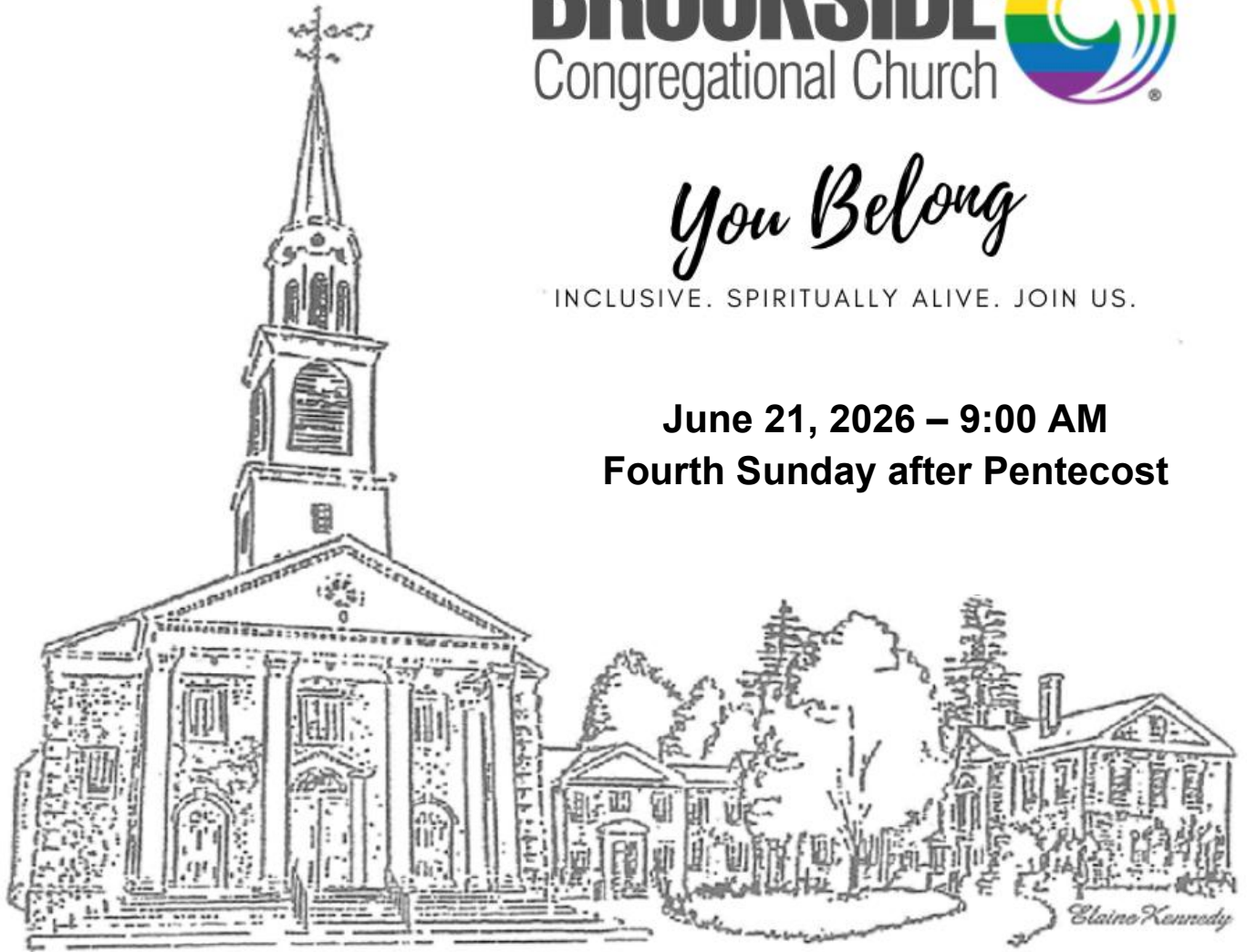


**BROOKSIDE**   
Congregational Church

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INCLUSIVE. SPIRITUALLY ALIVE. JOIN US.

**June 21, 2026 – 9:00 AM**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**



Rev. Laura Biddle, Minister  
Heather Bridges, Choir Leader  
Christina Alvarez and Amber Nicole Cannon, Youth Troupe  
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\*Please Stand

## GREETING

The **flowers** this morning are in given by the Milne Family in memory of Jim Milne.

PRELUDE *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus; Helen H. Lemmel*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come all people, all nations of the earth, kneel before God.

**People: We are humbled by the wonders of creation and amazed by God's mighty works.**

Leader: Our gentle God cares for each one of us, like a father cradling his child.

**People: In our days of trouble, we can call upon God for comfort and support.**

Leader: Let us also call on God with our prayers of thanksgiving while we celebrate the wondrous things God provides.

## OPENING PRAYER

Dear God, come to us in our uncertainty. We are weary of conflict and long for your healing waters of forgiveness and renewal. You have sent us a teacher to draw us into community. As one body in Christ, we long to find peace as we serve you. Though our disagreements are many, our capacity to forgive is strong. Send your light that we might not falter in our caring and our love. AMEN

\*HYMN *Great is Your Faithfulness* N 423

SCRIPTURE Psalm 86:1-10 Brian Brady

Incline your ear, O God, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; be gracious to me, O God, for to you do I cry all day long. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O God, I lift up my soul. For you, O God, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. Give ear, O God, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

Psalm 33:1-11

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright. Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of

ten strings. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made and all their host by the breath of his mouth. He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him, for he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

SERMON	Release the Troubles	Rev. Laura Biddle
ANTHEM	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>	Heather Bridges
PRAYERS		
LORD'S PRAYER		
OFFERTORY		
*DOXOLOGY		
*HYMN	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	N 436
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>We'll Sing All Hail to Jesus' Name</i> Arranged by Terri Hutchings	

*Special thanks to Sarah Evans, guest pianist.*

Deacon of the Week: Debi Rapson  
Reader: Brian Brady  
Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg  
Technology: Dale Trombley

*As an open and affirming church, let's wear our nametags so we can all get to know each other.*

 *Please Remember in Prayer* 

Cliff and Martha Church  
Susie Collins  
Sis Dunn  
Judy Foley and Lloyd Freese

Anne Lachance  
Tricia Lucas  
Leigh Polish  
Anna O'Donnell

Brookside's sponsor children: Eben Gulo and Ryan Pierre  
~ Sakubva Church, UCC – the center candle celebrates our  
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### **Summer Camp Scholarships**

Scholarships are available for Brookside members who are registered to attend the Horton Center summer camp. Scholarship amounts will be determined based on the number of requests received. If you would like to request a scholarship, please contact the office.

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### **Women's Spirituality Retreat**

Friday, October 30 - Sunday, November 1, 2026 - Waterville, NH  
Inviting all Brookside women to join us for a weekend at the lovely home of Judi & Ed Mitchell in the White Mountains. The retreat will run from Friday evening, with a potluck dinner at 6:30 pm, to midday Sunday. Final details to be determined; estimated cost will be between \$200-\$350 per person. Scholarships are available. If interested, please contact Rev. Laura. For additional information or to RSVP by July 1st or direct questions to: Dorice Reitchel (dodiesrepurposed@gmail.com) or Sarah Duffley (duffleytaylor@gmail.com).

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# God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that  
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;  
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—  
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,  
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,  
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.  
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

*Lam. 3:22-23**Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt*

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,\*  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.  
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

*Refrain*

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by  
morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your  
hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!" The word "Refrain" is written above the first system.

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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.

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**Brookside Congregational Church  
Youth Troupe Summer Camp**



**July 27 - 31**

**FREE 1-week performing arts day camp  
for kids ages 6\* - 13!**

\*Children must be able to read fluently at 1st grade level

**Register at:**



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**Open Flower Date – Sunday, July 12**

We have an open flower date on Sunday, July 12. If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, please contact Sarah Merrill at [slmerrill50@gmail.com](mailto:slmerrill50@gmail.com)

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