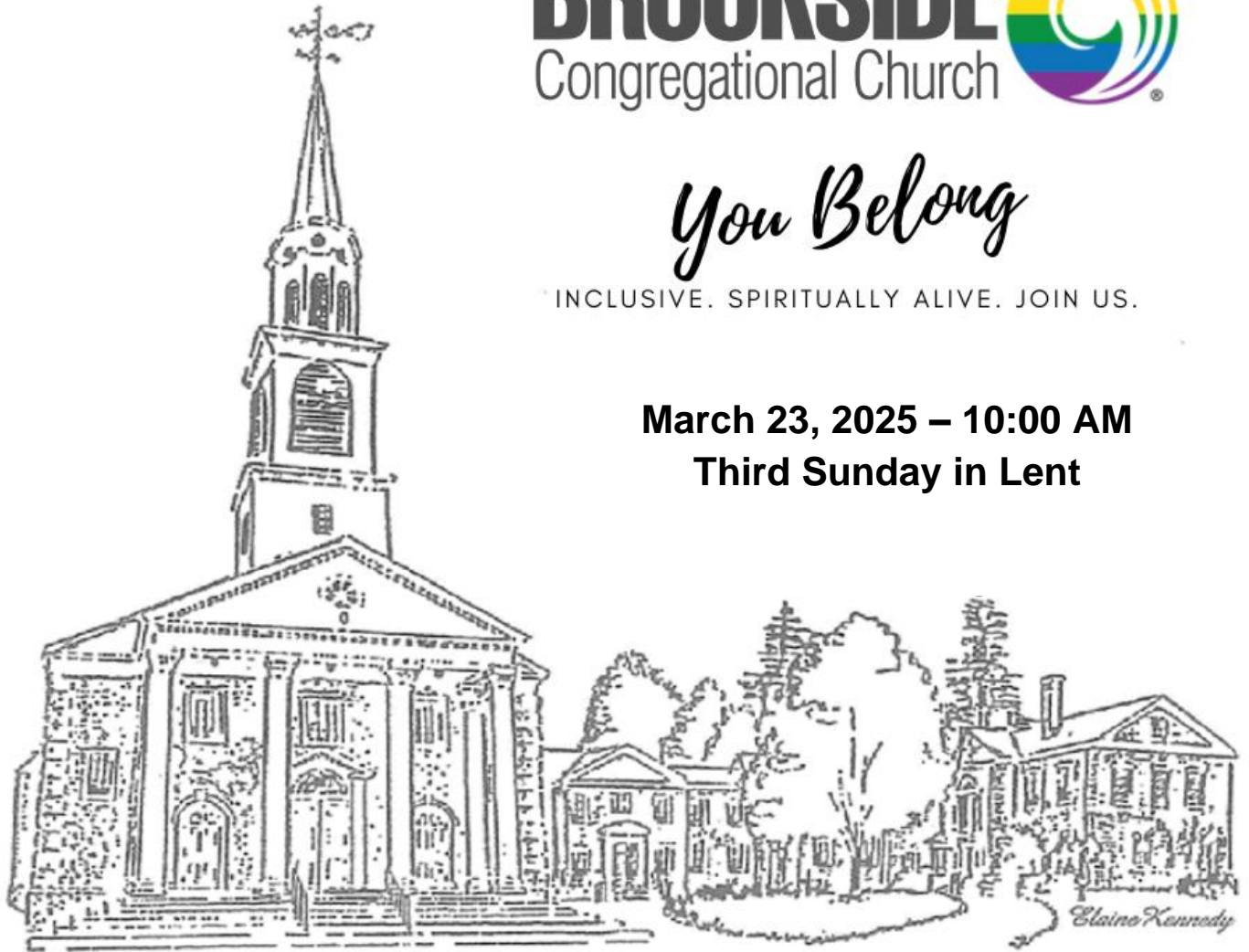




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**Third Sunday in Lent**



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Youth go Directly to Performing Arts.

\*Please Stand

PRELUDE *Alpha and Omega; Mutumbira*

GREETING

The **flowers** today are given by Martha Cushing in loving memory of her husband Earl.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gather together on this day of quiet contemplation. We need one another.

**People: God listens to our cries for help and healing. Jesus joins us in times of trouble.**

Leader: We are not in control of all circumstances, but we can choose to hold fast to faith.

**People: Turn to God for refuge.**

OPENING PRAYER

Incline your ear to us, O God. You have been a rock of refuge for us. Sometimes we feel as if your light can't get in. Teach us to be a window into which your light shines. Getting closer to the Cross, we continue to follow Jesus with Love. AMEN.

\*HYMN

*Just as I Am*

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:1-9

Ed Mitchell

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus[a] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the man working the vineyard, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone

for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.' ”

SERMON                      The Parable of Charlie Brown                      Rev. Doug Brendel

ANTHEM                      *It is Well With My Soul; Bliss*                      Chancel Choir

PRAYERS

LORDS PRAYER

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.**

\*HYMN                      *Lift High the Cross*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      *At the Cross; Watts*

Sabbatical Minister: Rev. Doug Brendel

Deacon of the Week: Chris Taylor

Reader: Dale Trombley

Spirit Squad: Tanuma Family

Technology: Matt Burch

Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg



*Please Remember in Prayer*



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Palm Sunday, April 13 at 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 20 at 10:00 am (Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the service)

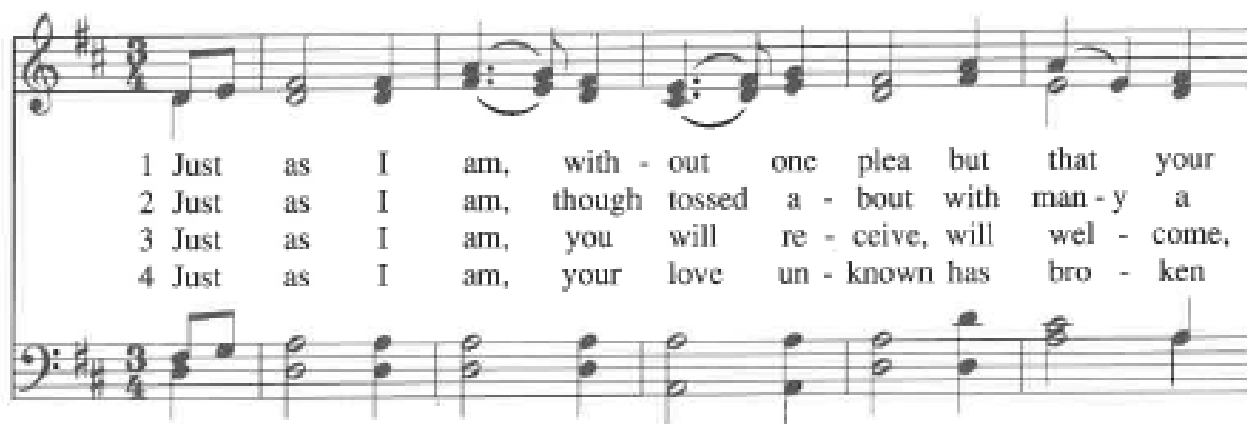
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# Just as I Am

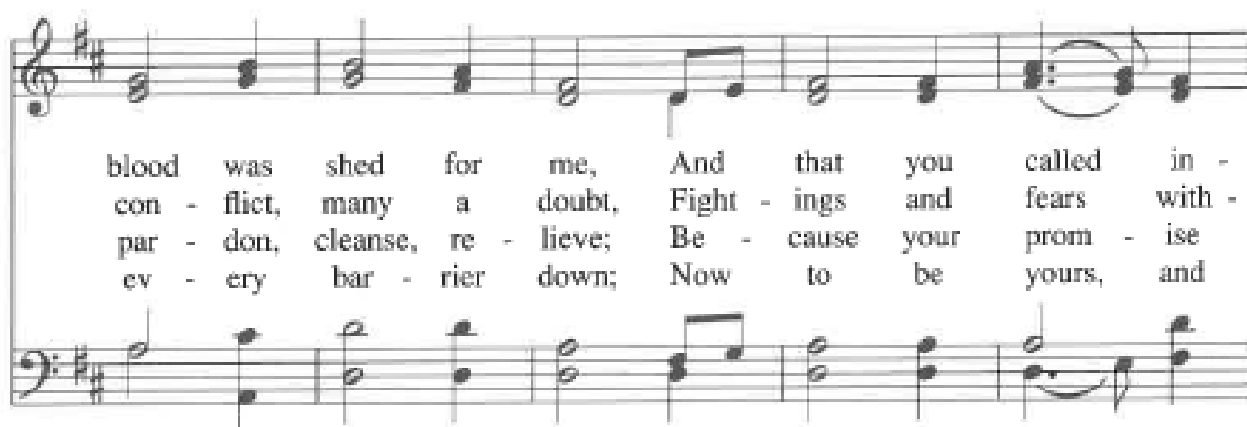
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Charlotte Elliott, 1836; alt.

John 6:37; Eph. 2:14



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that your  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a  
 3 Just as I am, you will re - ceive, will wel - come,  
 4 Just as I am, your love un - known has bro - ken



blood was shed for me, And that you called in -  
 con - flict, many a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -  
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause your prom - ise  
 ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be yours, and



vit - ing me, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!  
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!  
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!  
 yours a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

# Lift High the Cross

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George William Kitchin (1827-1912)

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

Rev. by Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916; alt.

*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.



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— Matthew 5:14-16

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