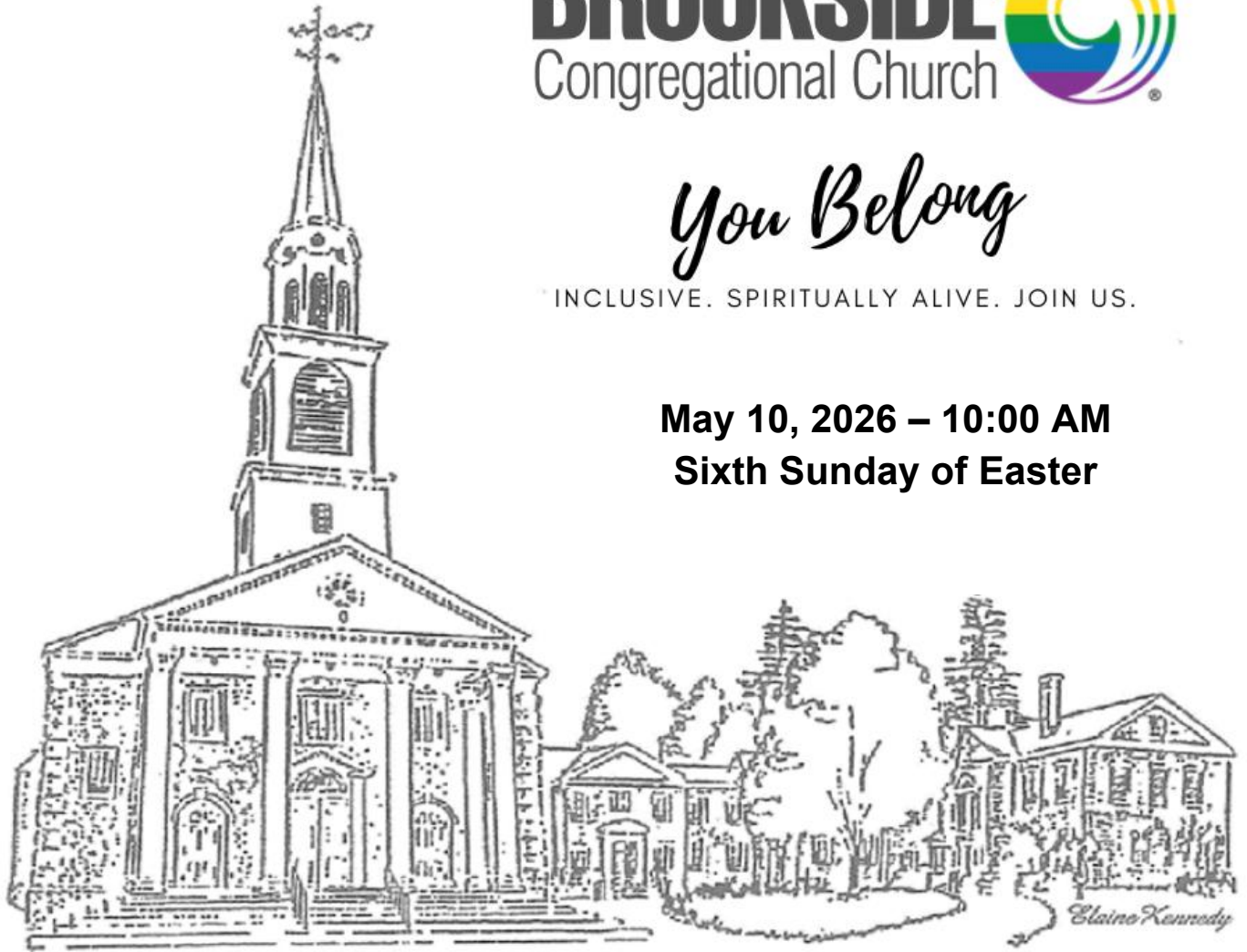


BROOKSIDE 
Congregational Church

You Belong

INCLUSIVE. SPIRITUALLY ALIVE. JOIN US.

May 10, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Sixth Sunday of Easter



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Michelle Jaques, Music Leader
Heather Bridges, Choir Leader
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*Please Stand

GREETING

The **flowers** this morning are given by David and Cindy Migliori. We are thankful for all mothers and grandmothers in our lives – their love is with us forever.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us together on this Mother's Day, to explore matters of the Spirit.

People: We cannot see this aspect of God and there is so much we don't know or understand about the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Our understanding of who or what is God is limited. As human beings we can only use our abilities of sight, sound, touch, intuition, and thought.

People: The Spirit is our inner capacity to love. Jesus reminds us that the Spirit is our advocate, forever encouraging and guiding us towards Love.

Leader: God is everywhere, present in the universe, the earth, our bodies, and our relationships with one another.

OPENING PRAYER

As we praise you O God, with word, song, and quiet reflections, grant us a sense of your presence. Each of us loves you in a unique way. Some with singing and playing instruments, others with words of joy and hope. Some of us praise you with a silent walk in nature and others in a delightful gathering with family. On this day of celebrating mothers in our lives, hold us all in your steadfast love.

Grant us an awareness of your blessings. AMEN

*HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-21

Amy Daigle

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

SERMON Spiritual Companion Rev. Laura Biddle

ANTHEM *The Lone, Wild Bird* Brookside Choir

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*HYMN *I'll Fly Away* N 595

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Deacon of the Week: Amara VanAmburg

Reader: Amy Daigle

Spirit Squad: Daigle Family

Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg

Technology: Brian Brady

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
Ukama Partnership since 1996 ~

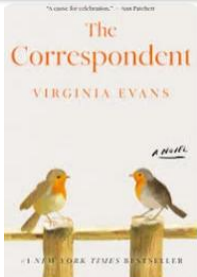


Scan the code to
donate to
Brookside Church.

Envelopes for special Mission donations can be found at the church entrances.

Springtime Bible Study

Join us for a Springtime Bible Study on **Sunday, May 17 and 31, at 8:30 am** in the Manning House Dining Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Book Group

Join Rev. Laura for a riveting discussion of *The Correspondent* on **Tuesday, May 26th at 6:00 pm** on Zoom. To register, please email the **office**. The Zoom link will be emailed to participants the week before the group meets.

Street Medic Full 2-Day Training Class

Become a trained asset for your community. The Street Medica Aid & Response Team (S.M.A.R.T.) is hosting a comprehensive training course for individuals interested in providing first aid and emergency care at rallies, marches, and demonstrations. No previous medical experience or licensure is required for this course. Classes will be held on **May 16 and 30 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm**. For more information, please pick up a flyer in the Narthex.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

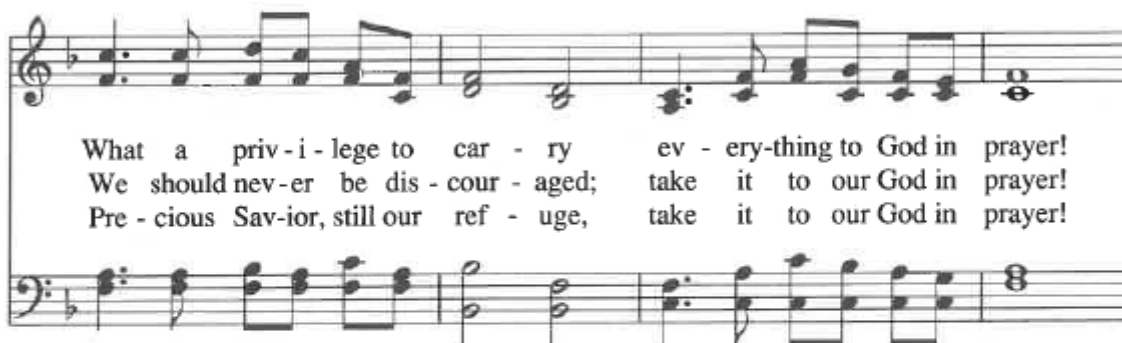
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Joseph Scriven, 1855; alt.

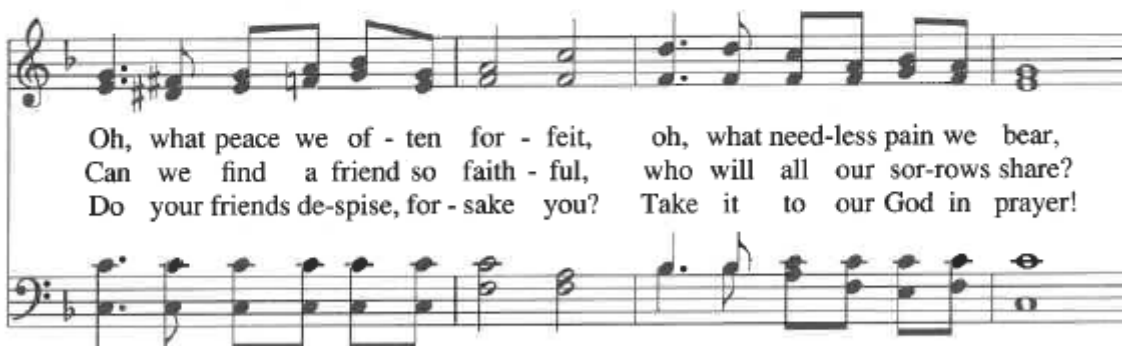
Phil. 4:6-7



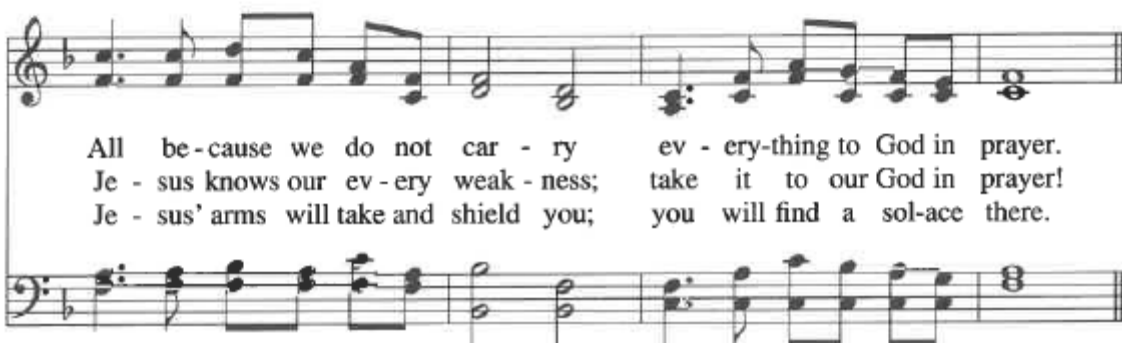
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, bur - dened with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to our God in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to our God in prayer!



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to our God in prayer!



All be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to our God in prayer!
Je - sus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

Some Glad Morning

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(I'll Fly Away)

Albert E. Brumley, 1932

Ps. 55:6

1 Some glad morn-ing when this life is o'er, I'll fly a-way;
2 When the shad-ows of this life have gone, fly a-way, fly a-way;
3 Just a few more wea-ry days and then,

to a home on God's ce-les-tial shore, I'll fly a-way.
Like a bird from pris-on bars has flown, fly a-way, fly a-way.
To a land where joys shall nev-er end,

Refrain

I'll fly a-way, O glo-ry, I'll fly a-way;
fly a-way, fly a-way, in the morn-ing;

When I die, hal-le-lu-jah, by and by, I'll fly a-way.
fly a-way, fly a-way.

Youth Troupe Summer Camp 2026

Excerpts from the Musical

GODSPELL

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: 

2026 Graduates

We would like to recognize 2026 graduates (from high school or any other secondary school programs) during our Gratitude Sunday service on June 14. Please let the office know if you have a graduate whose achievements we can recognize.

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.



Brookside Summer Activity Kits to support children & youth

Help us to pack our Brookside “You Belong” string bags.

How can you help?

- 1. Please choose items from this checklist and bring to Brookside between April 20th – May 17th. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex. We are trying to fill a total of 30 packs with these items!**

Sidewalk chalk package – 8 piece pkg size	Playground balls (6” – 8” size)
Washable markers – 8 piece pkg size	Inflatable beach balls
Crayons – 16 or 24 piece pkg size	Bubbles (4 oz size)
Coloring or Activity Books (appropriate for preschool – 5th grade)	Children’s sunglasses
Single Subject Notebooks (8 ½” X 11” paper size)	Nut-free snacks (individual portion/package size)
Books (appropriate for preschool – 5th grade)	Monetary donations to help fill the string bags are very welcome as well

We will all be able to help to pack these bags Sunday May 31st. Thank you for your help!

This work helps us further support our Community Partners – Waypoint: (ages 12 – 25yrs), Amoskeag Health Services: (Elem School Age Children & Families), and Community Action Partnership Hillsborough/Rockingham (CAPHR): (Preschool Age & Families)