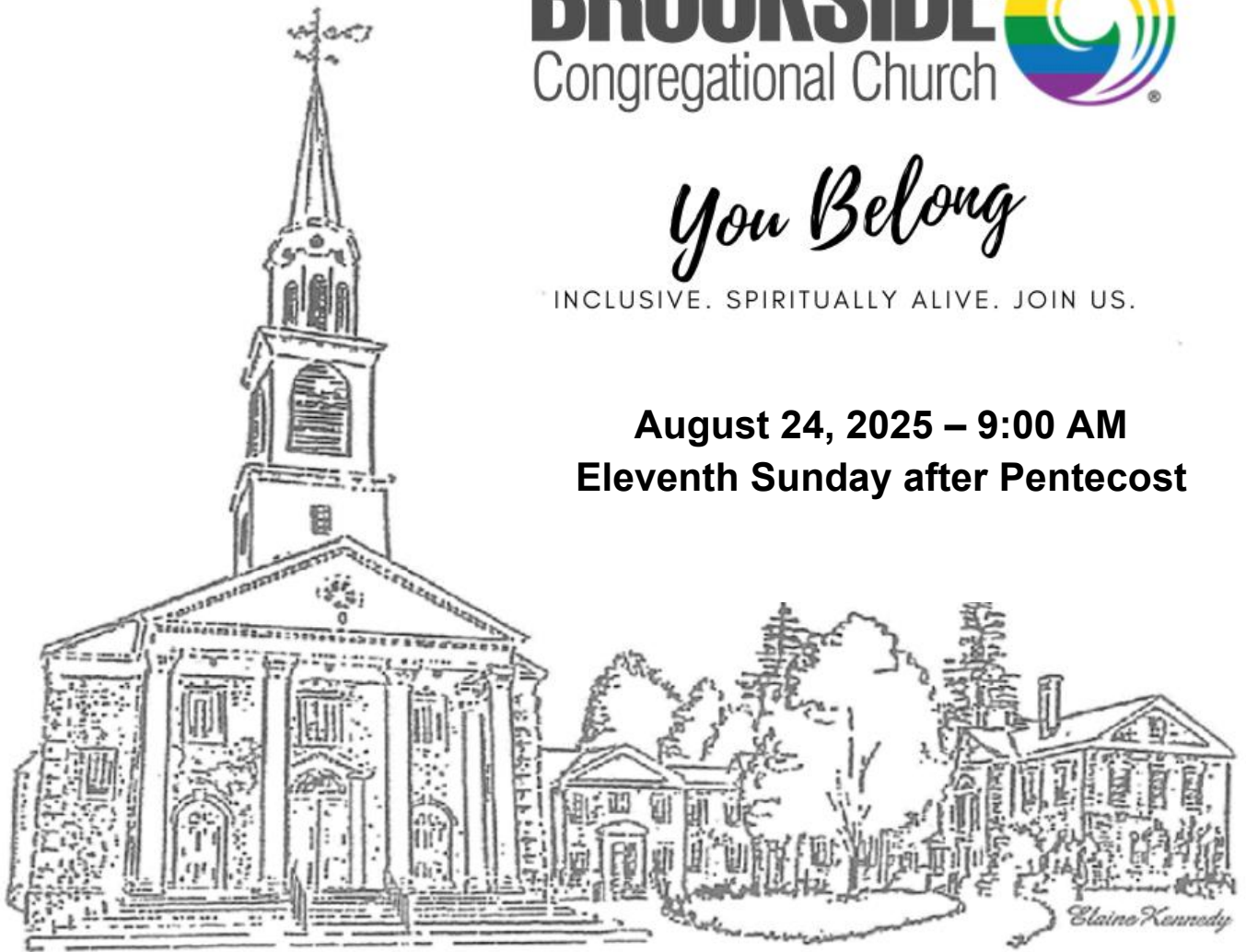




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August 24, 2025 – 9:00 AM
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



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*Please Stand

GREETING

PRELUDE *In a Silent Way; Zawinul*

The **flowers** today are given in memory of Bob Popp by Nancy and Louise Popp.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us out of places known and unknown, and invites us into a trusting relationship.

People: It takes a leap of faith to trust in something we cannot see.

Leader: God continues to see us in our bent-over ways and insecure moments.

People: God loves us no matter how we look or how we are changing.

Leader: We are called today to trust that Jesus sees us just as we are, with eyes of loving compassion.

People: Today, let's Praise God with music and Word. May our voices rise up from our souls.

OPENING PRAYER

Amazing God, the more we learn of your healing gaze, the more we are filled with awe and wonder. We admit that our vision narrows when we lose touch with your son Jesus. We see only what this world view allows. Remind us today that we can look up and look out to see your presence everywhere. Grant us your serenity as we worship you today. AMEN

*HYMN *Spirit of the Living God* N 283

SCRIPTURE Luke 13:10-17 Denise Forest

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on

which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

SERMON Looking Down Rev. Laura Biddle

ANTHEM *God's Eye is on the Sparrow; Gabriel* Heather Bridges

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 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Mo Better Blues; Lee*

Deacon of the Week: Chris Taylor

Reader: Denise Forest

Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg

Technology: Matt Burch



Please Remember in Prayer



Cliff and Martha Church
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Linda Fleming

Anne Lachance
Anna O'Donnell
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Special Meeting – Today, August 24

A Special Meeting will be held today immediately following the service to discuss the funding of fire suppression system & architectural design work for life safety improvements.

Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, August 31 Outdoor Service

Join us at 9:00 am for the Blessing of the Animals. Our service will be held outdoors on the Manning House Lawn. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Blessings will be given by Rev. Laura Biddle. All pets and people are welcome. This will also be Jordan Gravel's last Sunday with us. We appreciate the grace he brought to the position as our interim Music Leader.

Generations of Faith Opening Pot Luck - Sunday, September 7

Join us after the service for a potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall and an unveiling of our new mural in the youth room. **Families/individuals with last names A - M bring a Main/Side dish to share, families/individuals with last names N - Z bring a dessert to share!**

Spirit of the Living God

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Daniel Jervason, 1926

Acts 11:15; 2 Cor. 3:1-6; Gal. 3:25

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.

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Unison, brightly
Refrain

James K. Masley, 1978; alt.

Chords: D, G, A, Dsus4, D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Chords: Bm, E7, Asus7, A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

Chords: D, G, A, Dsus4, D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Chords: Bm, G, A7, D, G, Last time, end D

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea,

Chords: D, G, A, G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing. "A - wake from your slam -
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 *to Refrain*

bers and rise on your wings."
 ets to o - pen their eyes.
 ple on the rush of the wind.
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.