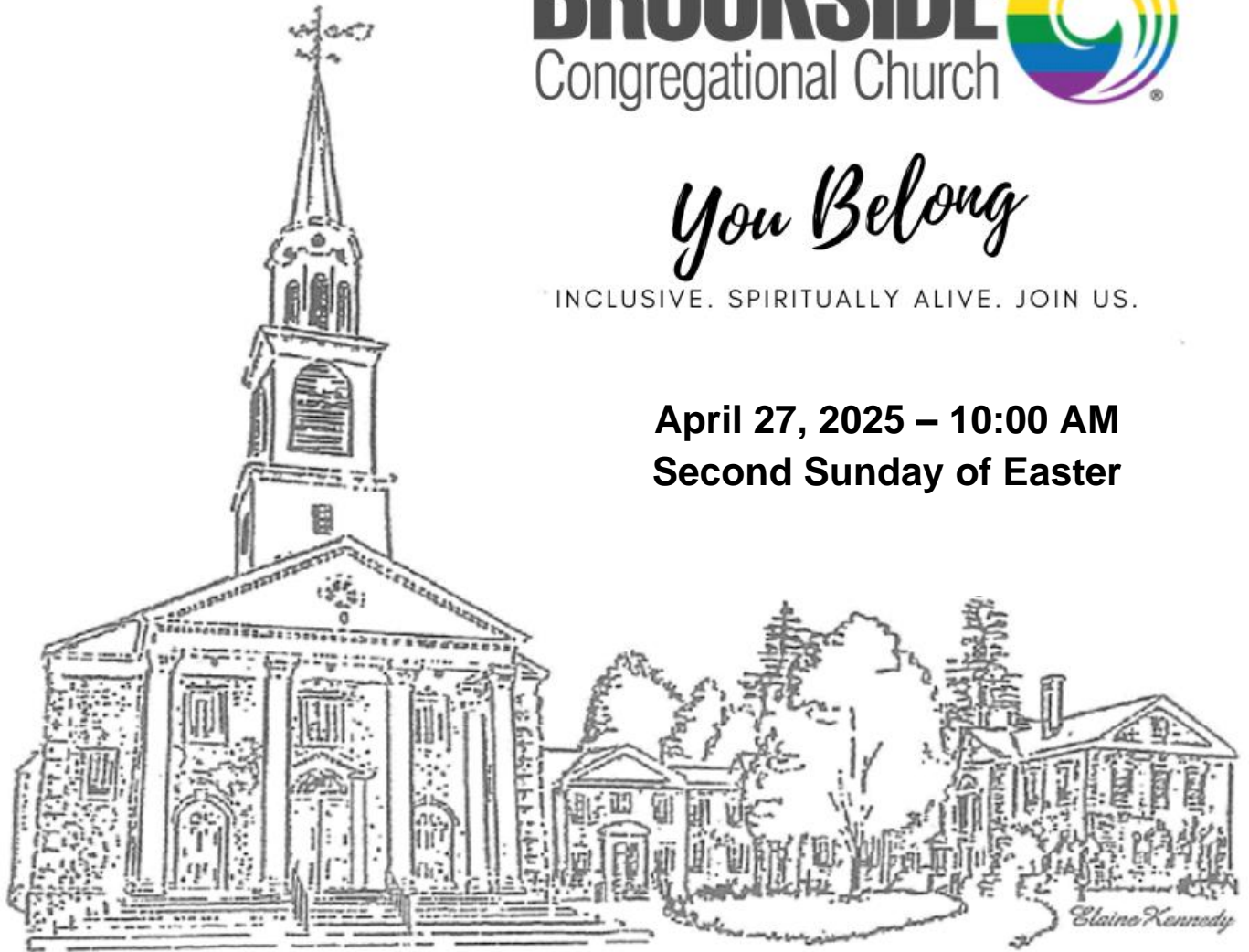




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**April 27, 2025 – 10:00 AM
Second Sunday of Easter**



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Youth go directly to Spiritual Art
*Please Stand

“In the world we experience, death is the last thing. In the Christian year however, new life follows death. The end of everything is the beginning of unimagined and unexpected newness.”

Diana Butler Bass

PRELUDE *I Will Walk With You; Hornsby*

The **flowers** this morning are in memory of all grandparents near and far by Jean Dickson.

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in the Sanctuary!

People: Praise God in the skies for the mighty acts of resurrection.

Leader: Praise God with a blast of music and joyous celebration!

People: Praise God with drums and dancing, strings and pipes!

Leader: Let every living thing praise God! Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

God of hope and new possibilities, we turn our attention to your son Jesus. Gathering here today, we are surrounded by the same angels that visited the empty tomb; angels bringing his followers a message of hope. He is risen! Preparing the way for Christ Jesus to return, we trust that he accompanies us on every pathway and road before us. He is our teacher, healer, friend, and counselor. As we continue in our day-to-day lives, we want to feel his presence beside us. We want to know his love within us. We want to share his joy with everyone we meet. Help us celebrate that Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Allelujah!

*HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulcher; And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulcher, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. And they told what

things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

SERMON

Side by Side

Rev. Laura

ANTHEM

Precious Lord Take My Hand; Dorsey

Chancel Choir

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN

Called as Partners

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Great is Our God; Tomlin

Deacon of the Week: Amara VanAmburg

Spirit Squad: Daigle Family

Communion Servers: Mission Ministry

Technology: Matt Burch

Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg



Please Remember in Prayer



Aubot/Hernandez Family

Jane Bentas

Dave Cannan and his Grandfather

Karen Content

Cliff and Martha Church

Linda Fleming

Jeff and Debbie Ford

Anne Lachance

Donna Leavell

Meghan, Sam, and Pixie Marlar

Bob Nenni

Judi Mitchell

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Anna O'Donnell

Sarah and Jean Peterson

Rachel

Stacy

Amara VanAmburg

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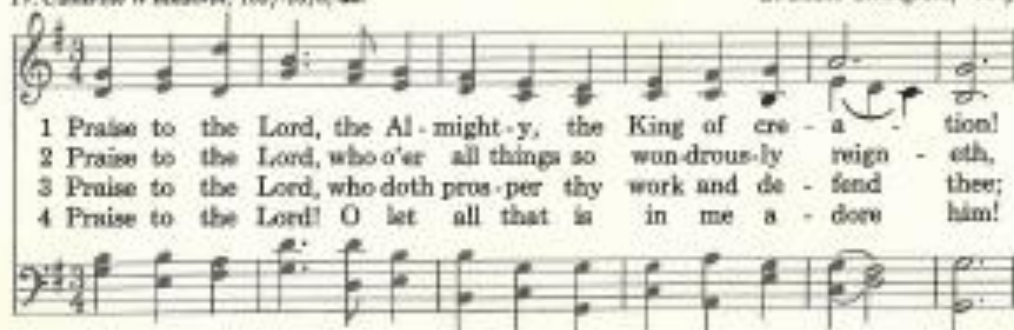
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander, 1650-1696

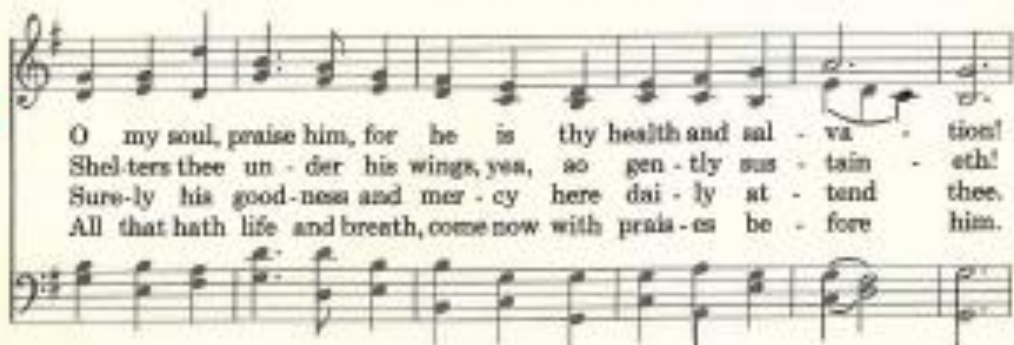
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

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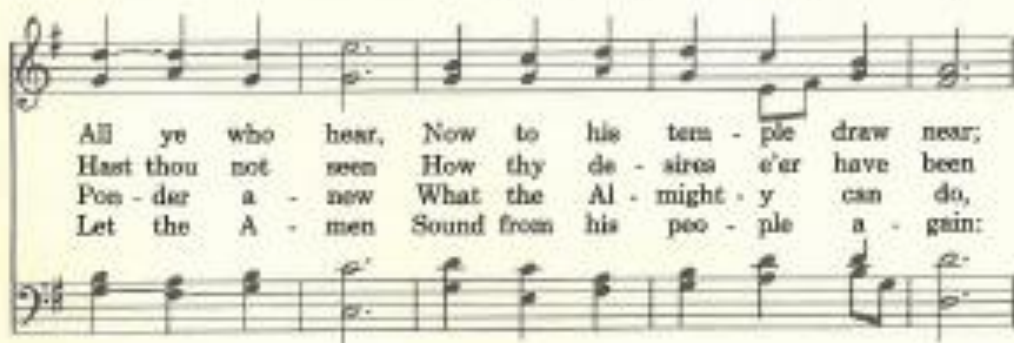
"Stralender Gesangbuch," 1885



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-eth,
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend thee;
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal-va-tion!
 Shelters thee un-der his wings, yea, so gen-tly sus-tain-eth!
 Sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-tend thee.
 All that hath life and breath, come now with pra-is-es be-fore him.



All ye who hear, Now to his tem-ple draw near;
 Hast thou not seen How thy de-sires e'er have been
 Pow-der a-new What the Al-might-y can do,
 Let the A-men Sound from his peo-ple a-gain:



Join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!
 Grant-ed in what he or-dain-eth?
 If with his love he be-friend thee.
 Glad-ly for aye we a-dore him. A-men.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

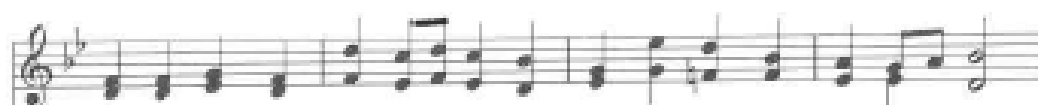
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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



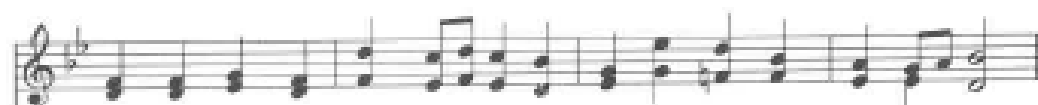
1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E-qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

