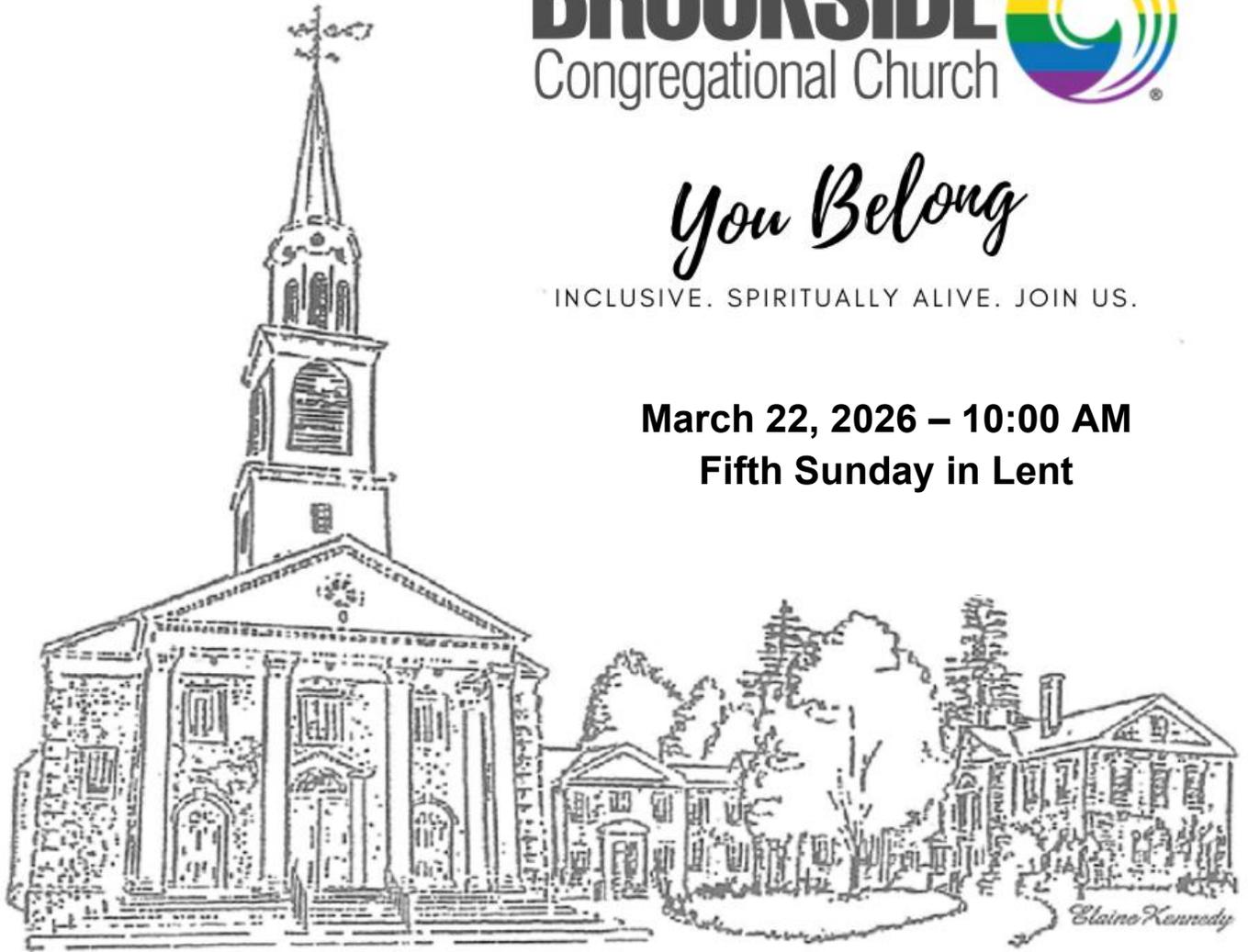


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Fifth Sunday in Lent



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*Please Stand

GREETING

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

PRELUDE *I Will Praise Him*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Each step we take in Lent brings us closer to the cross.

People: We walk carefully the closer we get to where Jesus will die. We are reminded that death is a solemn and sacred experience.

Leader: Let us not be afraid. Though we want to close our eyes and rest our minds, we also long to accompany Jesus.

People: Today, we join him in the garden to pray. Some of us are exhausted and cannot stay awake.

Leader: Do not worry. You are in the presence of the Holy Spirit where forgiveness is granted and love prevails.

OPENING PRAYER

Protector God, Comforter and Guiding Light, we admit that these forty days have felt extraordinary. We are weak and tired and we long for the resurrection. Teach us to stay still and wait patiently. We do not want to abandon our beloved teacher and friend as he heads to the cross. Grant us courage to stay alert with him and with one another. AMEN

*HYMN *Every Time I Feel The Spirit* N 282

SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:36-46 Janice Morin

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the

 *Please Remember in Prayer* 

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Holy Week

Our Palm Sunday Worship service on March 29th will begin with a celebration of Jesus entering Jerusalem for the Passover. Palms and music from Godspell will prepare the way. As the service continues, we will begin our journey through Holy Week.

On Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 pm our traditional Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service will include Holy Communion and a dramatic reading written by Reverend Laura "Following Jesus in the Shadows."

Easter (April 5) begins with the women in the garden discovering the empty tomb at sunrise. As you enter the sanctuary you will see an empty cross that will become a sign of the resurrection of Jesus Christ by the close of the service. Join The Nottingham Brass for a lively version of the Hallelujah Chorus. Following worship, children will enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt on the Manning House lawn.

2 Sam. 22:9; Ps. 18:8

African-American spiritual

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will

pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

Last time, end

in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God
2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and

spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -
cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly

to Refrain

round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.
one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.

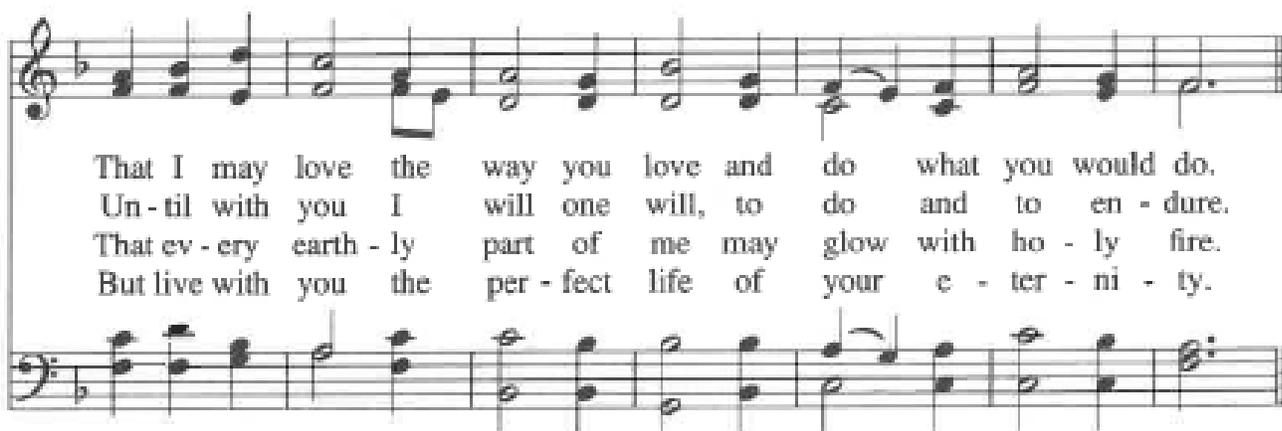
Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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Edwin Hatch, 1886; alt.



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one de - sire:
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.
Un - til with you I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
That ev - ery earth - ly part of me may glow with ho - ly fire.
But live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.