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*Please Stand

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **flowers** this morning are given by Sis Dunn in loving memory of her Loved ones.

PRELUDE Finlandia; Sibelius

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: If we speak without love, we are nothing more than a noisy

gong, a clanging cymbal

People: God calls us to speak words of love: patient, kind,

relentless love.

Leader: God's love never ends,

People: And today we are called to tell that story.

Leader: Let us rejoice in the truth and hope all things together.

People: And now faith, hope, and love abide. And the greatest

of these is love.

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

God of Love, send your Spirit to infuse your love in our hearts, that it may course through our bodies and bind us together in perfect harmony. May this time of worship focus on you. This we pray in your holy and gracious name. AMEN.

*HYMN How Great Thou Art

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:14-20 Dale Trombley

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James, son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

SERMON Mending Your Net Rev. Laura Biddle

ANTHEM We Are the Ones: Clark

PRAYERS

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 Here I Am

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE What a Friend We Have in Jesus; Scriven

Deacon of the Week: Amara VanAmburg

Reader: Dale Trombley Spirit Squad: Taylor Family

Technology Driver: Matthew Burch

Please Remember in Prayer

Ruth Bodge Anne Lachance Cory Guy Anna O'Donnell

Shannon Ellinwood Rachel Sean Fagan Stacy

Kim Woodruff Linda Fleming

Joe Forest

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Brookside Congregational Church Annual Meeting, Today, Sunday, January 28

Brookside's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28, at 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall. Childcare, soups, salad, and refreshments will be available.

Lenten Adult Education

Rev. Laura is leading a Lenten book group starting Thursday, February 22 on Thursdays at 6:00 pm through Thursday, March 21. (no study on March 7) The book we are reading is *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni.





