

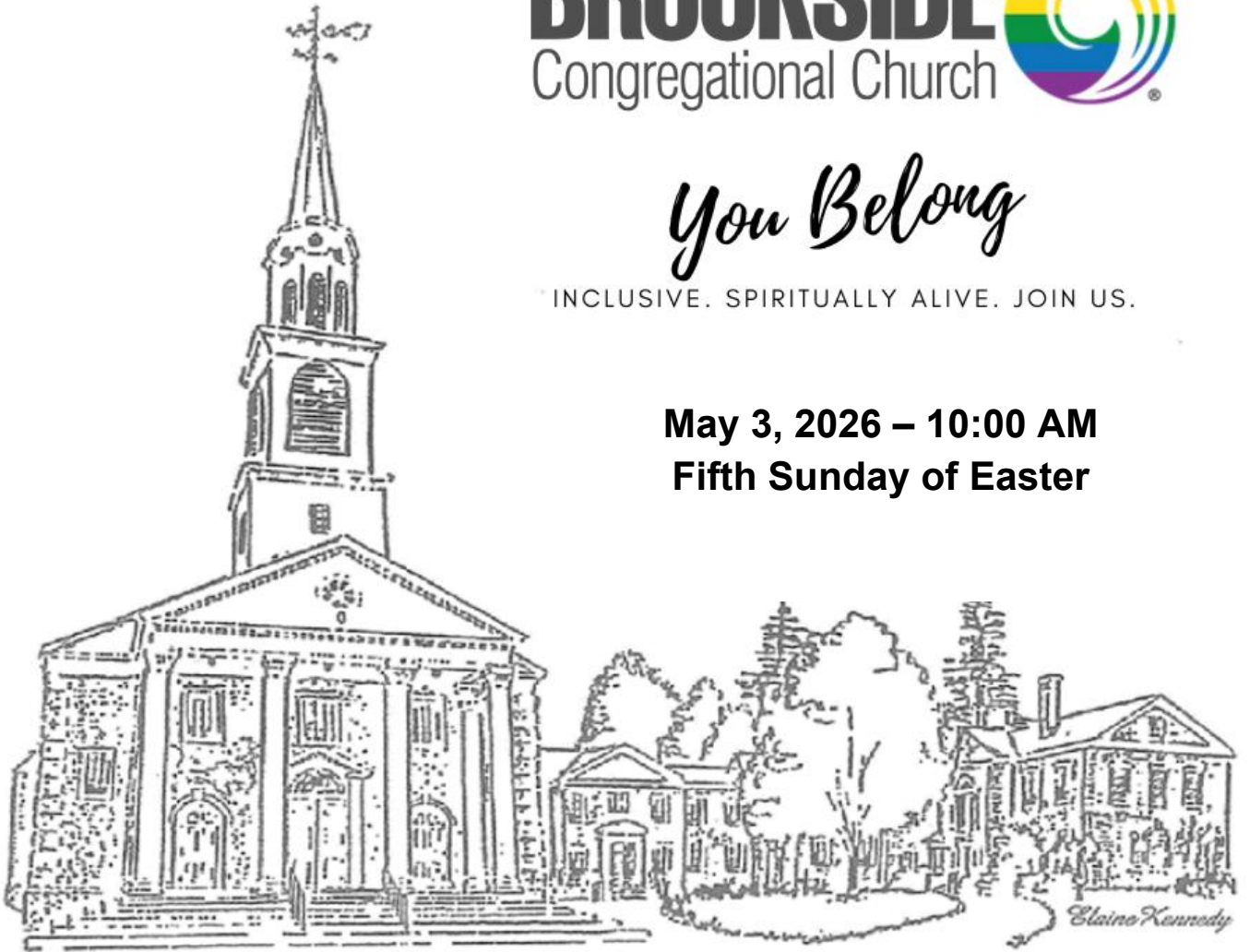
BROOKSIDE
Congregational Church



You Belong

INCLUSIVE. SPIRITUALLY ALIVE. JOIN US.

May 3, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Reverend Laura Biddle, Minister
Michelle Jaques, Music Leader
Heather Bridges, Choir Leader
Christina Alvarez and Amber Nicole Cannon, Youth Troupe
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*Please Stand

GREETING

The **Flowers** are given in loving memory of Betsy Antonucci and also in celebration of her birthday on May 3rd, by Scott, Nolan, and Meridith.

PRELUDE *Down to the River to Pray; Spiritual*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gaze into the skies and you will see the glory of God. Lift up your eyes, behold the risen Christ.

People: God is our refuge, a strong fortress. Christ leads us and guides us every day.

Leader: We can taste the goodness of God in our Holy Communion bread and cup. Through this meal, we know Jesus is near.

People: Let us lay our troubles at Christ's feet. As we enter this sanctuary, prepared for us by friends and neighbors, let us walk with awe.

Leader: We have come to find the way, the truth, and the life. We are here to ask, receive, and serve.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that sometimes we have covered our ears so we cannot hear your word of love and kindness O God. We seek to isolate ourselves from a world in pain. We forget that the people who Jesus gathered around him, were poor, in need of assistance, and oppressed. We forget to pray as often and faithfully as Jesus taught. Today, dear God, remind us to pray always.

PRAYER OF ASSURANCE

Let not your hearts be troubled. Whoever trusts God will not be put to shame. When you show kindness to others, you show kindness to Jesus. If you accept an apology, you are forgiven as well. God loves you. Rejoice! You have received God's grace. AMEN

*HYMN

God's Eye is on the Sparrow

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SCRIPTURE

John 14: 1-14

Brian Brady

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?"

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

SERMON

Trust the Power of God

Rev. Laura Biddle

ANTHEM

Bridge Over Troubled Water

Brookside Choir

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

LORDS PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN

Take Me to the Water

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Stand by Me; Ben E. King

Special thanks to our Guest Music Leader, Jordan Gravel.

Deacon of the Week: Debi Rapson
Reader: Brian Brady
Spirit Squad: Drewry Family
Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg
Technology: Dale Trombley

*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
Domi
Sis Dunn
Judy Foley and Lloyd Freese

Anne Lachance
Tricia Lucas
Leigh Polish
Anna O'Donnell
Tim Smith

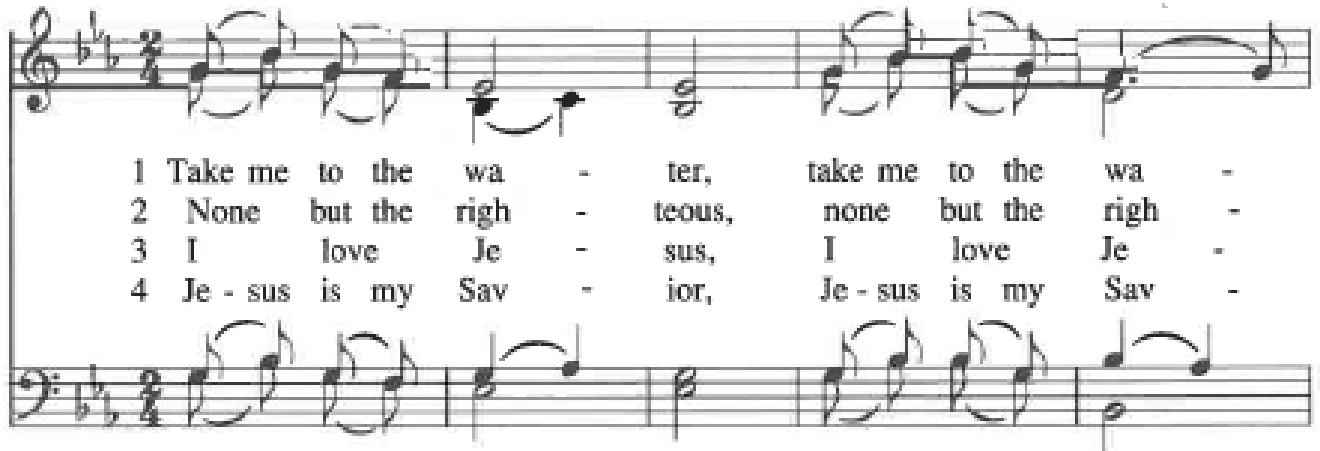
Brookside's sponsor children: Eben Gulo and Ryan Pierre
~ Sakubva Church, UCC – the center candle celebrates our
Ukama Partnership since 1996 ~



Scan the code to
donate to
Brookside Church.

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

Acts 8:36-39; 10:47-48

African-American spiritual


1 Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the wa -
 2 None but the righ - teous, none but the righ -
 3 I love Je - sus, I love Je -
 4 Je - sus is my Sav - ior, Je - sus is my Sav -



ter, take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
 teous, none but the righ - teous . . . shall see God.
 sus, I love Je - sus, . . . yes, I do.
 ior, Je - sus is my Sav - ior for - ev - er more.

God's Eye Is on the Sparrow

Matt. 10:26-30; Luke 12:4-7

Civilla D. Martin, c. 1905; alt.

Stanzas, in unison

1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged, why should the shad-ows come,
 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," Christ's ten-der word I hear,
 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,

Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and
 And rest-ing on God's good-ness, I lose my doubts and
 When song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me

home, When God is ev-er my por-tion? My
 fears; Though by the path . . . God leads me but
 dies, I then draw close to my Sav-ior, from

con-stant friend will be: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 one step I may see: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 care I am set free: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I

know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I

Refrain, in harmony

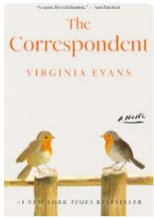
know, God watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm
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 know God watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm

hap-py, I sing be-cause I'm free, God's
 I'm hap-py, I'm free,

eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch-es me.

Springtime Bible Study

Join us for a Springtime Bible Study on **Sunday, May 10 and 17, 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.



I want to share my heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Loretta Brady for her service and leadership on the Elliot Health System Board of Directors since 2017. Loretta, you have made a beautiful difference.

Brookside Congregational Church is proud to be one of the city churches that has a permanent position on the Elliot Health System Board of Directors. Elliot Health System is the largest provider of comprehensive healthcare services in southern New Hampshire. [Elliot Hospital](#), is a not-for-profit, 296-bed acute care facility that was established in 1890.

We are seeking an individual to serve on the Elliot Health System Board of Directors. It is a three-year term. The Board meets monthly. For more information, contact Dale Trombley or Loretta Brady.

BROOKSIDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Teen Night!



ROLLER SKATING @ REMIX
THIS EVENT IS FREE FOR BROOKSIDE TEENS & FRIENDS!

5/6

6-8PM

RSVP
BY

4/29

RSVP TO LOUISE@BROOKSIDECC.ORG

Youth Troupe Summer Camp 2026

Excerpts from the Musical

GODSPELL

July 27 - 31

FREE 1-week performing arts day camp
for kids ages 6 - 12!

Register at:





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)