

# BROOKSIDE

## Congregational Church

*Room to Grow, to Serve, for You.*



**October 2, 2022 – 10:00 AM**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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\*Please Stand

\*Youth go Directly to Spiritual Art

PRELUDE

*Ave Verum; Mozart*

Chancel Choir

WELCOME

The **flowers** this morning are given in loving memory of Hope Pearson by Sarah and Bob Merrill and Carl Pearson.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God who frees us invites us to worship and welcomes our loyal response.

**People: The heavens and all the saints are telling the glory of God.**

Leader: God is present with us, eager to help us deepen our faith. Our Creator is here to break bread and join us at the communion table.

**People: We are ready to expand our faith and listen to God's word.**

Leader: May our awe before God be like a small seed that when watered and fed, grows into a guiding light.

**People: Let us be the church at worship.**

OPENING PRAYER

We confess O God, that we are people of the flesh more than of your Spirit. We admit our resentment when some people we deem unworthy, benefit from your generosity. We don't pay close attention to your living Word, and we neglect to welcome your loving Spirit. On this World Communion Sunday, we pray for forgiveness, and offer ourselves as your loyal children who eat and drink together in the harmony of your Holy Communion. AMEN

\*HYMN *In the Midst of New Dimensions* (vs 1-3)

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 17:5-6

Jane Sherwin

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

2 Timothy 1:3-7

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

SERMON

A Spirit of Love

Rev. Laura

OFFERTORY

*Glory, Glory Hallelujah; Staples*

Chancel Choir

\*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**

(Children are invited to join us)

INVITATION

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

COMMUNION PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*HYMN

*Standing in the Need of Prayer*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*O When the Saints; American Traditional*

Special thanks to Luke Moss who is performing  
with us on drums today.

Deacon of the Week: Christina Alvarez and Kim Wertz

Spirit Squad: VanAmburg Family and Lorinda Latva

Reader: Jane Sherwin



*Please Remember in Prayer*



Ruth Bodge  
Peter B.  
Judith Chiasson  
Fred K.  
Jean Mijal

Carolyn Monday  
Anna O'Donnell  
Rachel  
Stacy  
Kim Woodruff

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

(Prayer requests will be printed in the bulletin for a three-week period)

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**Active Threat Training Today**

Steven Cooper from the New Hampshire Department of Homeland Security will offer training at Brookside today.

Registration: 11:30 am

Training: Noon to 3:00 pm

**Please note:** On **Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** there will be no rehearsals for Junior Jam or Wee Singers.

# In the Midst of New Dimensions

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Julian Rush, 1985; alt.

Gen. 9:12-16; Exod. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,  
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,  
 3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,  
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,  
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with - draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil-grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - arate ways?  
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?  
 Grant that we, your glob-al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.  
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.  
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

*Refrain*  
 Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C


peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

# Not My Brother, nor My Sister


(Standing in the Need of Prayer)

*African-American spiritual; alt.*


*Leader*




1 Not my broth - er, nor my sis - ter, but it's me, O God,  
 2 Not the preach - er, nor the dea - con, but it's me, O God,  
 3 Not my fa - ther, nor my moth - er, but it's me, O God,  
 4 Not the strang - er, nor my neigh - bor, but it's me, O God,



*All* *Leader*




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 stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not the strang - er, nor my neigh - bor, but it's



*All* *Refrain*



me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.  
 me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer. It's  
 me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.  
 me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.

me, it's me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer;  
 it's me,

