

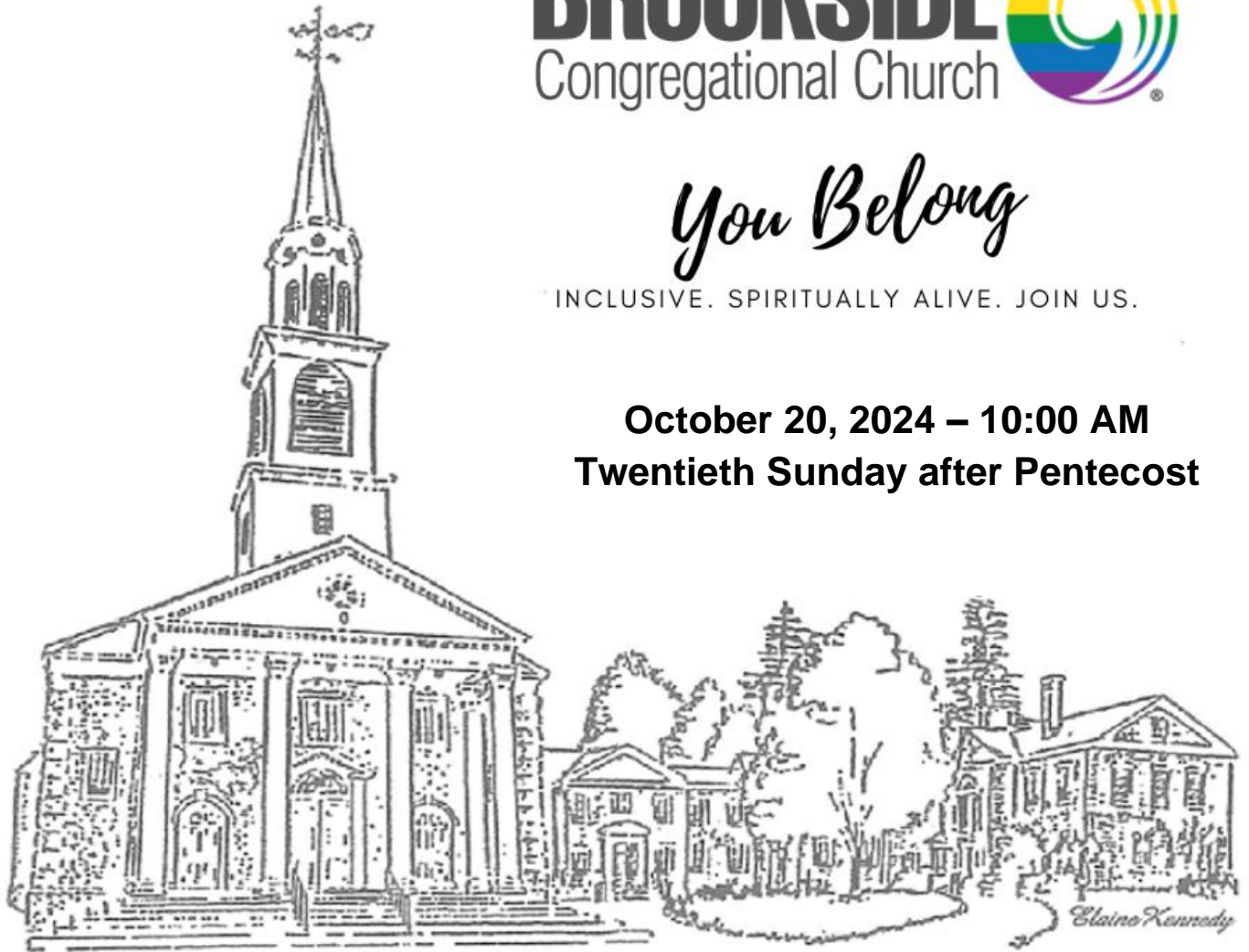
BROOKSIDE
Congregational Church



You Belong

INCLUSIVE. SPIRITUALLY ALIVE. JOIN US.

October 20, 2024 – 10:00 AM
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



Rev. Laura Biddle, Minister
Jordan Gravel, Music Leader
Christina Alvarez & Amber Nicole Cannan, Youth Troupe Leaders
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*Youth go to Spiritual Art After the Baptism

*Please Stand

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of Margaret Mitchell, Richard Lee Mitchell, Stanley Gordon Russell, and Pauline Cobb Hallett by the family of Ed and Judi Mitchell.

PRELUDE *Alpha and Omega; Erasmus Mutambira*

WELCOME REV. SARA MAREAN

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We accept the invitation to gather here today. God welcomes and affirms our loyalty.

People: The skies proclaim the glory of God's presence and handiwork.

Leader: We trust that God is eager to speak to us through song, Word, and prayer.

People: We honor our relationships with the congregations of Zimbabwe, knowing that God connects us across borders.

Leader: Nation to Nation, heart to heart, we are One in the Holy Spirit.

People: May our awe before God be enduring and our thoughts be acceptable in Christ Jesus. Let us be the church at worship.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, our rock and our redeemer, enlighten us today through the ancient witness of your faithful people. We desire the guidance of your word. Shape our lives with your steadfast love as we seek to honor you in our worship. Work with us to develop healthy relationships with one another and with our sisters and brothers in Zimbabwe. Grant us your courage to be good stewards of our time, talents, and treasures. AMEN

*HYMN *I Love to Tell the Story (vs 1-2)* N 522

BAPTISM

SCRIPTURE James 2:1-10, 14-17 Denise Forest

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold

rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

SERMON

Witnesses

Rev. Sara Marean

ANTHEM

Siyahamba; African Folk Song

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

Called as Partners (vs 1 & 3)

N 495

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

He Has Made Me Glad; Leona Brethorst

Deacon of the Week: Andrew Daigle
Reader: Denise Forest
Spirit Squad: Daigle Family
Technology: Dale Trombley
Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg

 *Please Remember in Prayer* 

Cliff and Martha Church
Anne Lachance
Donna Leavell
Bob Nenni

Anna O'Donnell
Rachel
Stacy

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
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Brookside Church.

Brookside Joining Ceremony - Sunday, October 27

Joining Brookside is an opportunity for everyone to know that they belong in this community. We will be holding a joining ceremony on October 27. This includes online worshipers. If you are interested in joining, please contact Rev. Laura at revlaura@brooksidecc.org or the office at louise@brooksidecc.org.

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

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.



I Love to Tell the Story

Katherine Hankey, 1866; alt.



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove.
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry; it's pleas - ant to re - peat
 4 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

2025 Stewardship Pledge Campaign

Up, up, and away we go! We make this very personal and important decision to give because we believe in Brookside. As stewards of the church, we must ensure that our amazing property with vast grounds and historic buildings are maintained. We have an incredible staff and very dedicated minister that need to be compensated, as well as, various administrative, mission, and program costs. Pledge money is critical for the success of our church as it makes up the largest source of revenue.

Please consider a pledge commitment for 2025. Complete the Pledge Certificate you received in the mail or donate through the website by 10/31/24.

Together we can reach new heights!!



Blessings,

Your Stewardship Ministry

Of Je - sus' ra - diant glo - ry, of Je - sus' end - less love.
 than all the gold - en vi - sions of all our gold - en dreams.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, I tell it now to you
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when I sing in glo - ry, I know the new, new song

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 be - cause I want to share it, be - cause I know it's true.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 will be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; and when I am in glo - ry

I'll tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus' end - less love.

BROOKSIDE

Congregational Church



Call to Special Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of Brookside Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, of Manchester, New Hampshire will be held in the Sanctuary at 11:15 am on Sunday, October 27, 2024. This meeting will be in person. Remote access via Zoom is also available using the link below.

This meeting is called so that members can discuss funding for the repair of Brookside's sewer line and installation of a pump station.

Respectfully submitted,

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored, textured paper. The signature reads "Ellen Smith Tourigny" in a cursive script.

Ellen Smith Tourigny
Clerk

Link for Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89641715959?pwd=VtLmEuYOEDRbooJvK58rlonqs2S2u.1>

Meeting ID: 896 4171 5959

Passcode: 374498