

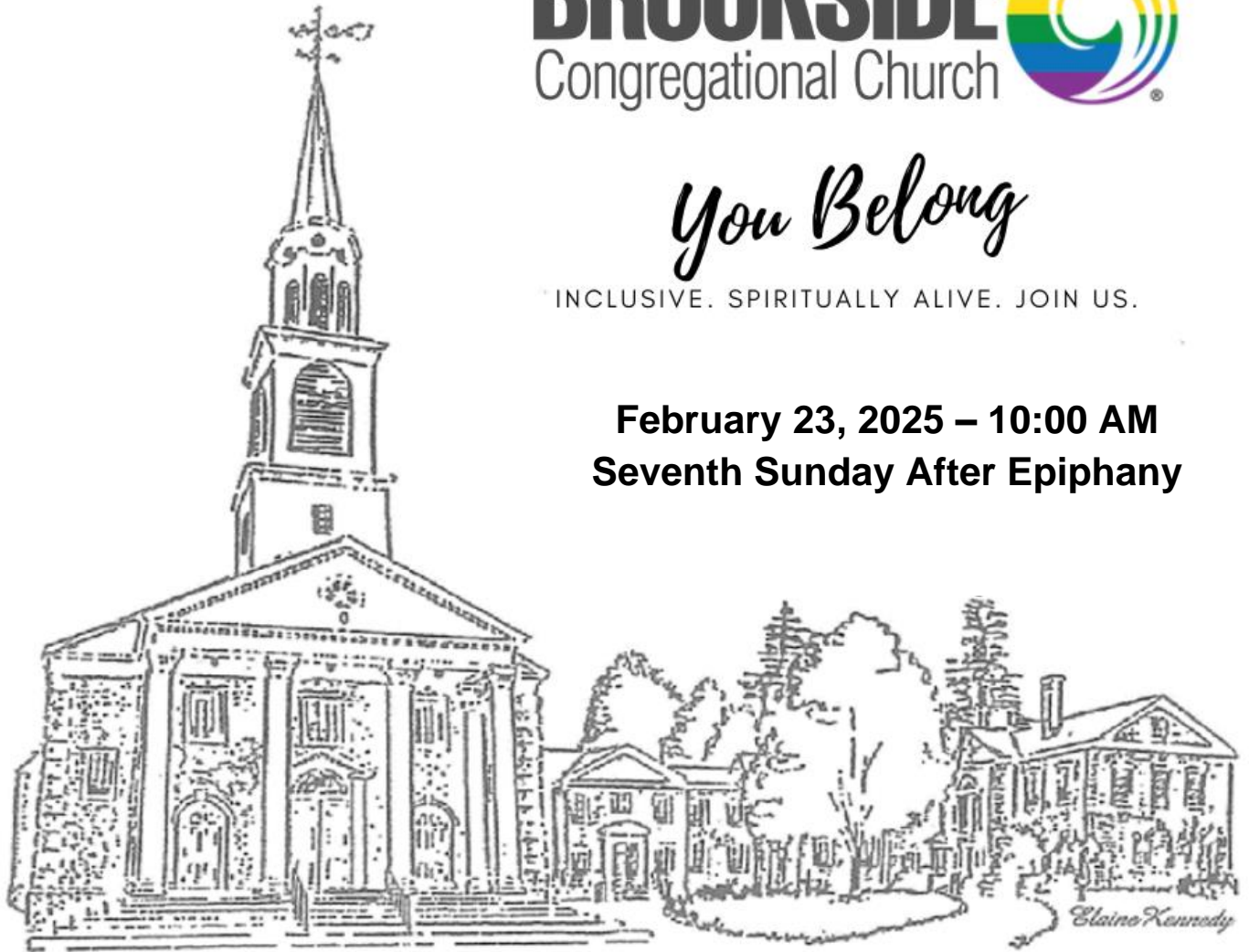
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Congregational Church



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February 23, 2025 – 10:00 AM
Seventh Sunday After Epiphany



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*Please Stand

GREETING

The **flowers** today are given by Jane Sherwin in memory of the Sherwin, Haggard, Richardson and Pyrek loved ones.

PRELUDE *Peace be Still*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come dear friends in Christ, God is calling us.

People: God wants our attention directed towards the wisdom of Jesus.

Leader: When we see unfairness, we want to make life fair for others. We want to be God's faithful servants.

People: God reminds us that we are capable of righting wrongs and being fair.

Leader: In the spirit of being just, generous, and loving, we come to worship God together.

OPENING PRAYER

God, we have come to worship you. We thought we could come here today on our own terms, but your Word reminds us that your guidance is important to us. We want to be your faithful children and carry your love and light into this world. Help us understand how to follow your son Jesus when we see unfairness. Teach us your ways once again. AMEN

*HYMN *My Song is Love Unknown* N 222

SCRIPTURE Luke 6:27-38 Ed Mitchell

"But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive

payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

SERMON Gimme That Upside-Down Religion Rev. Doug Brendel

ANTHEM *Here I am Lord; Schutte* Chancel Choir

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 *I Love to Tell the Story*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Everyday People; Stewart*

Sabbatical Minister: Rev. Doug Brendel

Deacon of the Week: Ed Mitchell

Reader: Ed Mitchell

Spirit Squad: Karen Content & Julie Worthington

Technology: Matt Burch

Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg



Please Remember in Prayer



Cliff and Martha Church
Anne Lachance
Donna Leavell
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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

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.

My Song Is Love Unknown

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Samuel Crossman, 1664; alt.

2 Cor. 5:15-19; Heb. 5:7-10

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
2 God left the rich - est throne sal - va - tion to be - stow;
3 Some - times they threw down palms and sweet - est prais - es sang.
4 What has my Sov - ereign done? What makes this rage and spite?
5 I sing my plain be - lief, one song my heart out - pours:

Love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
But Christ as flesh and bone the world re - fused to know.
Ho - san - nas and glad psalms through streets and mar - kets rang.
Christ gave new strength to run, re - stored the gift of sight.
Nev - er was pain nor grief, nev - er was love like yours.

O who am I, that for my sake my God should take frail
But, O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who at my need did
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, for blood and death they
Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could

flesh and die? My God should take frail flesh and die?
life ex - pend; who at my need did life ex - pend.
thirst and cry; for blood and death they thirst and cry.
'gainst Christ rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst Christ rise.
glad - ly spend; I all my days could glad - ly spend.



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- Remain Calm
- The Sanctuary and Chapel are public spaces on Sunday for worship, but the rest of the building is private space
- We have a secure facility. Do not use your fob or key to allow an unknown person into the building.
- Visitors for worship must use the front doors
- Access to private space requires a valid warrant issued by a judge. Warrants will be reviewed by Louise or Dale.
- It's best not to offer information.
- If you have questions, direct them to Louise or Dale



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Once again, Brookside is making an initial donation, on behalf of the church as a whole, through our general Mission Ministry funds. However, given the continued tremendous needs around the world at this time, we encourage you to make a personal donation to OGHS through Brookside during the month of March so that we may further Share the Light!

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