

April 15, 2025

BROOKSIDE
Congregational Church



The Brookside Bridge

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Minister's Message

Peace to you on this Holiest of weeks. The journey from Palm Sunday to Easter is a winding path. We might experience emotions of anticipatory grief, wonderment, and confusion all at once. I believe that being on this pathway together is a gift of our faith tradition. If you were unable to join us on Palm Sunday, and would like a spiritual companion for reflection, I am sending a [link](#) to a Holy Week Booklet that I wrote during my sabbatical.

Easter Sunday will begin with the sun rising upon the empty cross and the empty tomb. Like the women who arrived in the cemetery to anoint the body of Jesus, we find ourselves confused by the emptiness.

Our worship service begins in this place of mixed emotions and quickly moves towards the story of resurrection. Jesus Christ is risen, Alleluiah.

Brookside's traditional expression of resurrection includes bold music, transforming the empty cross into one filled with colorful flowers, and an open call to singing the Halleluiah Chorus.

Please bring neighbors and friends to this celebration of Easter!

With love and joy,
Rev. Laura



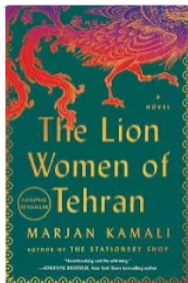
Maundy Thursday Service

Please join us for a time of peace and quiet reflection as we remember the Last Supper, the supper right before Jesus was crucified. In our Tenebrae dramatic reading, you will meet some of the people who followed Jesus in the shadows as he took his journey to the cross. Bring your friends and neighbors on Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 pm. (The service will also be live-streamed)



Easter Sunday - April 20 at 10:00 am

Easter begins in the garden at the empty tomb. This year the Nottingham Brass will join our Chancel Choir to lead Easter music and hymns. Children will remain in worship. An Easter Egg Hunt will follow for children in fourth grade and under.



Rev. Laura's Spring Book Group - Save the Date

On **Thursday, May 8 at 6:00 pm** the "Brookside Bookers" will be discussing the book "The Lion Women of Tehran". Join us for a fascinating discussion led by Rev. Laura. To register please send your name and email to the [office](#). The Zoom link will be sent to registered participants the week of the book group.

JOIN US FOR BROOKSIDE'S SPRING CLEAN-UP

SATURDAY, MAY 10TH 9 AM – 1 PM (RAIN DATE IS MAY 17TH SAME TIME)

BRING YOUR GARDENING GLOVES & YOUR FAVORITE RAKE

PIZZA PROVIDED AT 12:30 PM



QUESTIONS: CONTACT DALE TROMBLEY 603-491-3491



Horton Center Summer Camp Scholarships Available

Scholarship are available for Brookside members who are registered to attend The Horton Center Summer Camp. Scholarship amounts will be determined based on the number of requests received. If you would like to request a scholarship, please email Sarah Peterson, Christian Formation Chair, at sarita201@gmail.com. The deadline for requests is April 30th.



After Worship Fellowship

Please join us after Sunday worship for Fellowship! Following indoor worship, we meet in Fellowship Hall. It's a great way to get to learn more about the happenings at Brookside and build relationships with your fellow Brooksideers. All are welcome!



Send In Your Prayer Requests

Please remember to send in your prayers for our Sunday service. (joys and concerns) Email your request to admin@brooksidecc.org or call the office at 669-2807.

Gals On The Go

Join us for an informal fellowship for members and friends of Brookside on the **first Tuesday of the month at 11:45 am** at the Granite State Lunchbox, 1750 Elm St., rear entrance. Come enjoy lunch, fellowship, and discussion.



No Green Bananas

This group of retired Brookside men meets on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 9 am** at the Granite State Lunchbox, 1750 Elm St., rear entrance, to enjoy breakfast and discussion.



Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Please consider a donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund so that Rev. Laura can assist our members and friends facing critical financial needs.

Supporting Brookside Congregational Church

Offerings and pledges can be mailed to the Church office at the address below. If you would like to give online, please click on the button below.

[Donate Here](#)



Do You Need Medical Equipment?

Did you know that Brookside has a Medical Equipment Closet? There are crutches, canes, shower chairs, and more, available for use by anyone who needs them. Borrow for short-term or long-term use, keep as long as you need to. Contact the office **(603-669-2807)** for more information.

*****Currently we are not accepting donations.**

BROOKSIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, April 17th
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday
Service, Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 20th
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,
Sanctuary
10:00 am Worship Service,
Sanctuary
11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday, April 22nd
8:00 am Staff Meeting,
Rev. Laura's Office
9:00 am No Green
Bananas, Granite State
Lunchbox

Sunday, April 27th
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,
Sanctuary
10:00 am Worship Service,
Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 29th
8:00 am Staff Meeting,
Rev. Laura's Office

Sunday, May 1st
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal,
Sanctuary
10:00 am Worship Service,
Sanctuary

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