

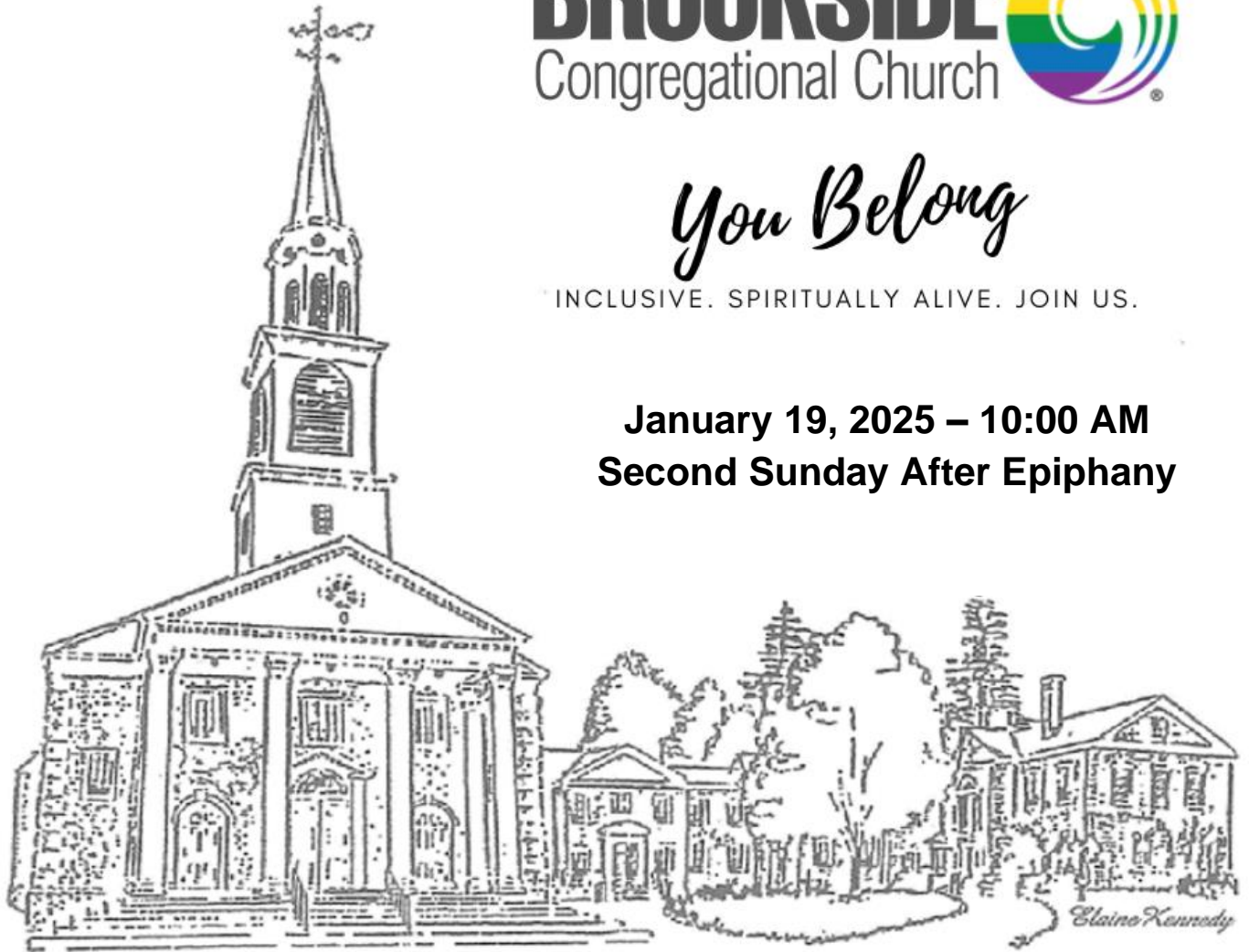
BROOKSIDE
Congregational Church



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January 19, 2025 – 10:00 AM
Second Sunday After Epiphany



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“I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.”

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

*Please Stand

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **flowers** today are given by Denise Forest in loving memory of Therese Brunelle.

PRELUDE *Bow Down and Worship Him* Guest Choir

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Have you understood God's love for all people? Have you listened to the Good News of the birth of Jesus Christ?

People: We are here to receive God's message. Our hearts are open to the Word we will hear.

Leader: Listen all who are near and who are far away. God is calling us to gather at the Jordan River.

People: Do not be afraid to serve God with your whole being. Trust in the presence of God who will strengthen us for our tasks.

Leader: We are ready to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

God, we wait for you to hear our cries. We come to this day of remembering Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with concerns for our communities and our world. When you call us together, we are challenged to be present to the changing tides. Renew us here during this hour of worship. Fill us with the music of your Spirit. Remind us of the power of Christ. AMEN

*HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing* N 593

SCRIPTURE John 2:1-11 Denise Forest

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now

standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON Water into Wine Rev. Laura
ANTHEM *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Brookside 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 *Glory, Glory Hallelujah* N 2

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *My Beautifier* Guest Choir

Deacon of the Week: Andrew Daigle

Reader: Denise Forest

Spirit Squad: Schneider Family

Technology: Dale Trombley

Special Thanks to Our Guest Choir from The Over Comers Church of God.

Choir Members: Landrine Tumaini, Sebastien John, Alex Muyobokey, Sakina Muhangala, Christina Muhangala, Irene Ireme Kigugu, Bengine, Wilson Nsabigaba, Samuel, Paul, Elizabeth, Emmanuel Karanganwa, Innocent, Eric Ntagawa, Deborah Uwitonze, Augustine Twite, Chantal Mukobwa



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 ~



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Brookside Annual Meeting - Sunday, January 26 at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary.

Annual Reports have been emailed to members. There are limited copies available in the office. In order to have an easy transition after the service, we would like to encourage anyone who feels so inclined to bring a snack to share. You can simply drop it on a table in the Narthex before the service that day. This is NOT a full-on potluck, but snacks would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!!

Glory, Glory Hallelujah

Exod. 15:20; Gen. 28:12; Ps. 81:6

African-American spiritual

1 Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, since I
 2 I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter, since I
 3 Feel like shout - ing "Hal - le - lu - jah!" since I
 4 I am danc - ing Mir - iam's dance now, since I
 5 I am climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der, since I
 6 Ev - ery round goes higher and high - er, since I

laid my bur - dens down. Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le -
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lu - jah, since I laid my bur - dens down.
 bet - ter, since I laid my bur - dens down.
 lu - jah!" since I laid my bur - dens down.
 dance now, since I laid my bur - dens down.
 lad - der, since I laid my bur - dens down.
 high - er, since I laid my bur - dens down.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson, 1921; alt.

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has

har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing
 days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y
 brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your

rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the
 beat, have not our wea - ry feet, come to the place for which our
 might, led us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the
 peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver a
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the
 way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our
 plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the
 wine of the world, for - get you; Shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march
 gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white
 neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our

on till vic - to - ry is won.
 gleam of our bright star is cast.
 God, true to our na - tive land.