

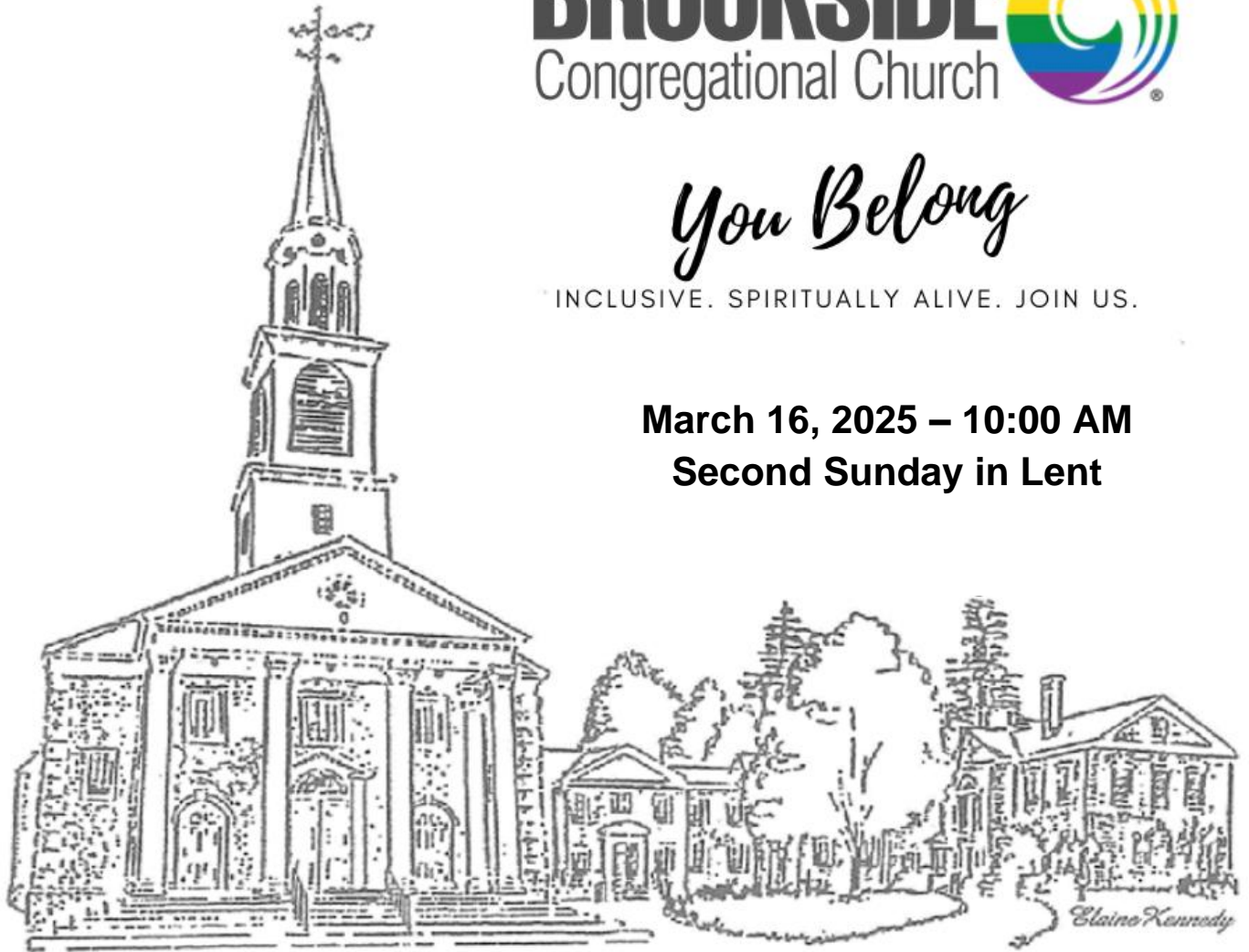
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March 16, 2025 – 10:00 AM
Second Sunday in Lent



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Youth go Directly to Performing Arts.

*Please Stand

PRELUDE

Let It Be

Youth Bell Choir

GREETING

The **flowers** today are given by Nancy and Louise Popp in memory of their mother, Evangeline Popp and their sister, Sharon Popp.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have entered into the season of Lent. This is our wilderness time.

People: Gather today and remember God's presence in the wilderness with Jesus. He was never alone.

Leader: God's mercy was revealed to him in silent meditation and solitude.

People: May we be open to God's counsel and instruction, remembering the temptations Jesus faced.

Leader: Join together in faith for this hour of worship.

OPENING PRAYER

Encourage us to listen for your voice o God, amid the clamor of our world. Lead us through the wilderness of our own creation, that we may once more find our way to you. Counsel us by day and night.

Help us rediscover your steadfast love. AMEN

*HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:33-41

Debi Rapson

Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him,

“He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

SERMON

Love Is Orange

Rev. Doug Brendel

ANTHEM

You've Got a Friend; King

Chancel

Choir

PRAYERS

LORDS PRAYER

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

What Wondrous Love is This

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me; Cull

Sabbatical Minister: Rev. Doug Brendel

Deacon of the Week: Debi Rapson

Reader: Brian Brady

Spirit Squad: Schneider 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

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*Isa. 32:2; Gal. 6:14**Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872; alt.*

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I glad - ly take my stand,
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus with - in my mind I see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of Christ's face;

A home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my griev - ing heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess—
 Con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.
 the won - ders of Christ's glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

John 19:17; Rev. 5:13

19th century, United States; alt.
First published in Mercer's Cluster, 1836

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm

this! that Christ should come in bliss to bear the heav-y cross for my
Lamb who is the great I Am, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the heav-y cross for my soul!
sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!



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*You've have to be light, bringing
out the God-colors in the world.
God is not a secret to be kept.
We're going public with this,
as public as a city on a hill.
If I make you light-brothers, you
don't think I'm going to hide
you under a bucket, do you?
I'm putting you on a light stand.
Now that I've put you there on
a hilltop, on a light stand—**uh-oh!**
— Matthew 5:14-16*

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[2025 OGHS Be the Light Video \(01:36\)](#)

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