

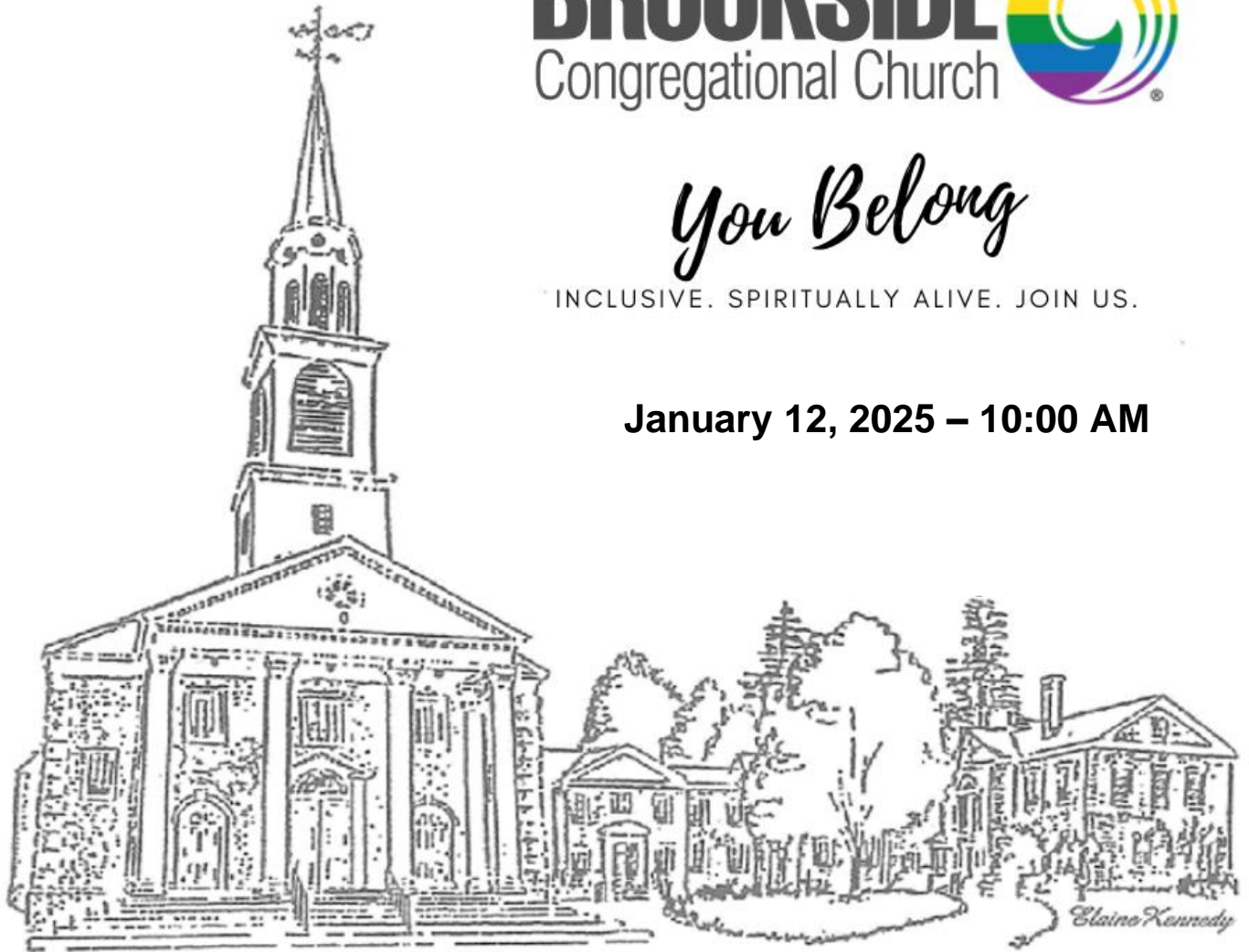
**BROOKSIDE**  
Congregational Church



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**January 12, 2025 – 10:00 AM**



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **flowers** today are given in honor of the countless fond memories of Ian MacLean Walker by his daughter Heather Walker Merrill and grandsons, Ian and Stephen.

PRELUDE *Jesus Came to Earth from Glory; Potter*

## GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 29

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

**People: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**People: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

**People: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

## OPENING PRAYER

O radiant Christ, incarnate Word, come make your home within our hearts. In the midst of our busy lives, when we feel too tired to care, too numb to feel, come shine upon our shadowed world. Your radiance bathes us with power to heal. Your glory shines at Jordan's streams, the font where we were born once again. Attune us to know you are near. O Light of Nations, fill the earth, deepen our faith, hope and love anew. Come lead us to your peace, as stars once led the way to you. AMEN (Ruth Duck 1989)

\*HYMN                      *When Morning Gilds the Skies*                      N 86  
SCRIPTURE                      Luke 3:15-17, 21-22                      Deb Rapson

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

SERMON                      The Act of Prayer                      Rev. Laura  
ANTHEM                      *Wade in the Water*                      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                      *Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult*                      N 172

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      *My Lord What a Morning; Traditional Spiritual*

Deacon of the Week: Amara VanAmburg

Reader: Deb Rapson

Spirit Squad: Julie Worthington and Bill Hoysradt

Technology: Brian Brady

Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg



*Please Remember in Prayer*



Cliff and Martha Church  
Anne Lachance  
Donna Leavell  
Bob Nenni

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### **Help Needed**

We will be taking down the remaining Christmas decorations following today's service. If you can help, please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship.

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On Sunday, January 26th, we will celebrate the 2024 year and follow that up with our Annual Meeting in the Sanctuary at the end of our service time. In an effort to make it "easy" to do this transition, we would like to encourage anyone who feels so inclined to bring a snack to share. If you wish to bring a snack, 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!!

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## When Morning Gilds the Skies

Ps. 5:3; 59:16-17

Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1828

Transl. Edward Caswall, 1854; alt.

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,  
 2 New strength comes night or day when from the heart we say,  
 3 Dis - cor - dant hu - man - kind, in this your con - cord find,  
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,

may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer,  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let sin and e - vil fear,  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song,

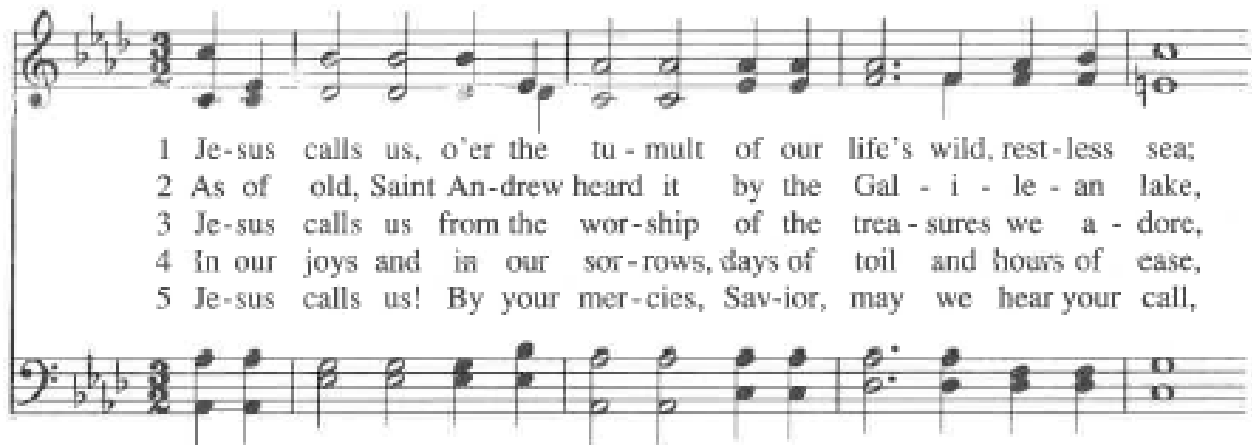
one pur - pose I de - clare: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 when this sweet chant they hear: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

# Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

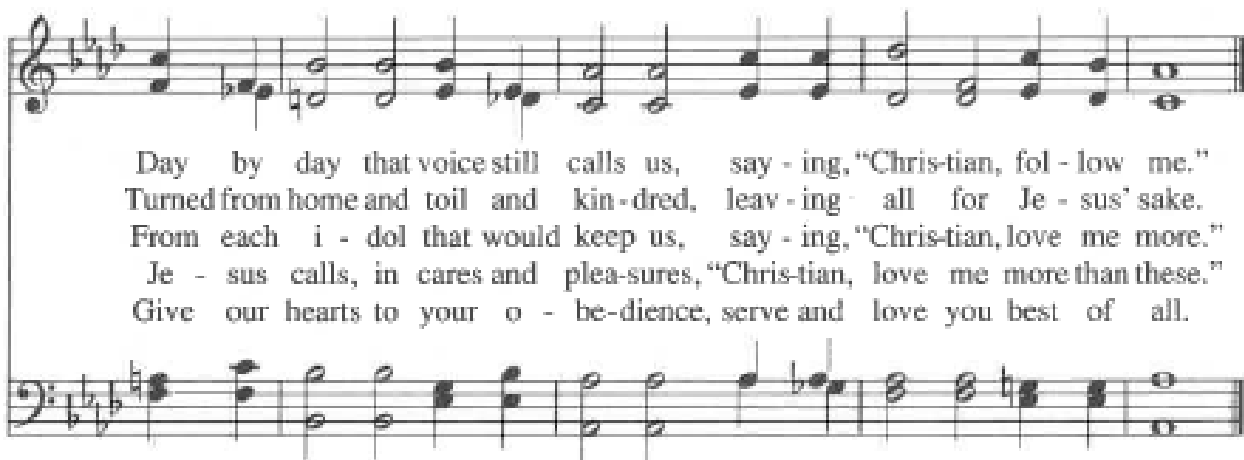
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*Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; alt.*

*Mat. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; John 21:15*



1 Je-sus calls us, o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest-less sea;  
2 As of old, Saint An-drew heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,  
3 Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship of the trea - sures we a - dore,  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
5 Je-sus calls us! By your mer - cies, Sav - ior, may we hear your call,



Day by day that voice still calls us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, fol - low me."  
Turned from home and toil and kin-dred, leav - ing - all for Je - sus' sake.  
From each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."  
Je - sus calls, in cares and plea-sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."  
Give our hearts to your o - be-dience, serve and love you best of all.