

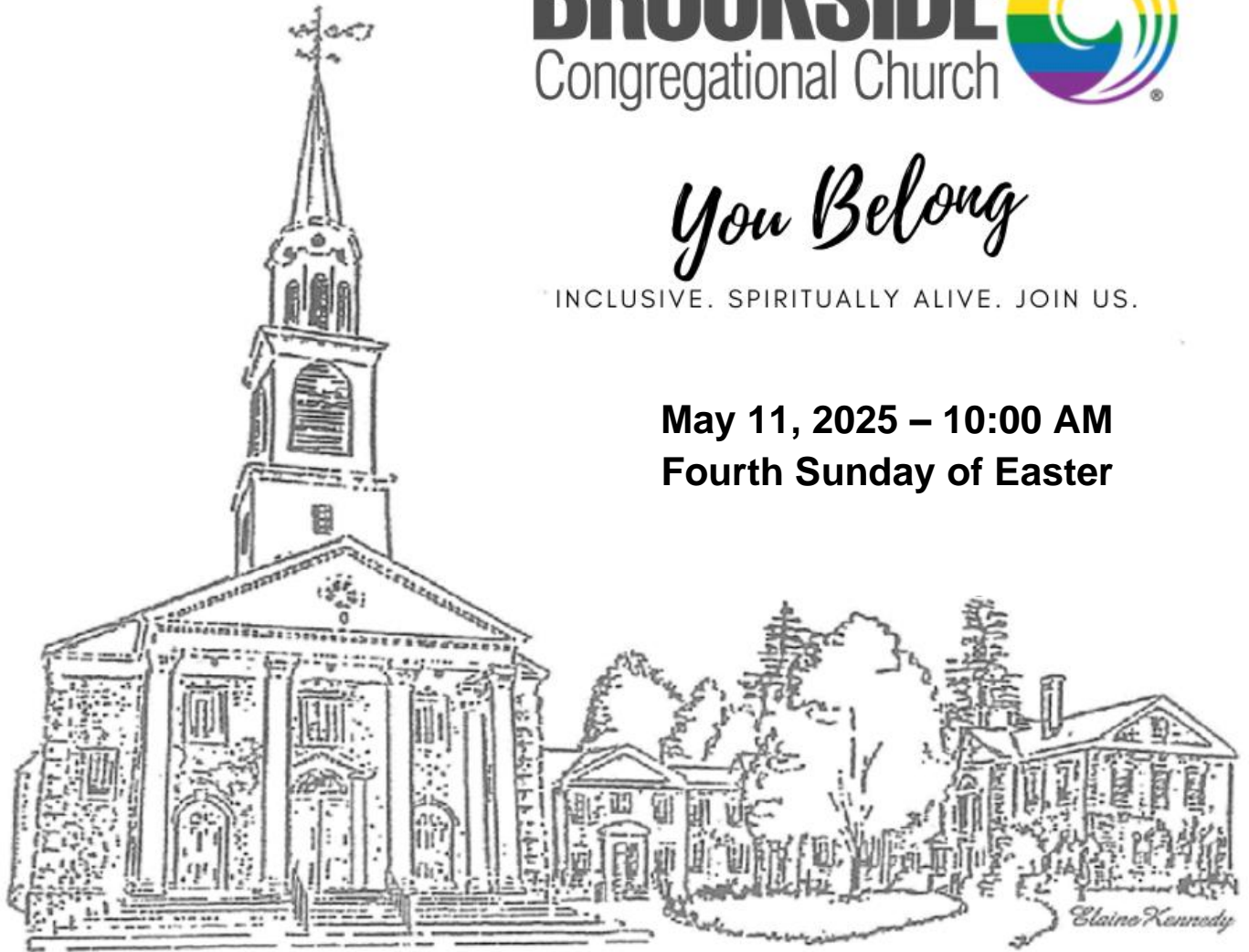
BROOKSIDE
Congregational Church



You Belong

INCLUSIVE. SPIRITUALLY ALIVE. JOIN US.

May 11, 2025 – 10:00 AM
Fourth Sunday of Easter



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*Please Stand

PRELUDE : *Peace; Silver*

The **flowers** this morning are The flowers today are given by David and Cindy Migliori. We are thankful for all mothers and grandmothers in our lives – their love is with us forever. **Flowers** are also given by Matt and Mary Burch in loving memory of Gillian Na Ranong who was born in May and loved spring flowers.

GREETING *Imagine* Youth Bell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We Gather together on this day of celebrating mothers.

People: We are blessed by the many mothers in our lives.

Leader: Nurturing and loving people provide us with a sense of belonging.

People: Like a kind and gentle shepherd, God's protective and comforting presence is like a mother's love for her children.

Leader: Thank God for mothers!

OPENING PRAYER

God, today, we celebrate mothers, but the truth is, we ought to celebrate them every day. Their love manifests in small, subtle ways. Sometimes we take mothers for granted. Remind us that each mother is doing the best she can. We thank you for their grace and love and ask you to uplift them today. Thank you for the gift they are in our lives. In Your name we pray. AMEN

*HYMN *This Is My Song* N 591

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

(Youth Leave for Spiritual Art)

SCRIPTURE John 13:31-35 Debi Rapson

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him,[a] God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one

another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SERMON Imagine A Peaceful World Rev. Laura Biddle

ANTHEM *Let There Be Peace on Earth; Miller* Chancel Choir

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

Peace Like a River

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Get Happy; Arlen

Deacon of the Week: Debi Rapson

Reader: Debi Rapson

Spirit Squad: Drewry Family

Technology: Brian Brady

Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg



Please Remember in Prayer



Jane Bentas
Karen Content
Cliff and Martha Church
Linda Fleming
Jeff and Debbie Ford
Anne Lachance
Donna Leavell

Bob Nenni
Anna O'Donnell
Sarah and Jean Peterson
Rachel
Stacy
Tom Wright

And All Who Grieve

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~ Sakubva Church, UCC – the center candle celebrates our
Ukama Partnership since 1996 ~



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Let's get to know each other!
COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS
 AT POST-WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP HOUR DOWNSTAIRS

Don't know where to go?
 Ask a Deacon or Spirit Squad Member!
 Elevator available.

Join us!

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun - light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
 beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
 sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
 where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

Isa. 66:12; 1 Pet. 1:8-9; 1 John 4:7-12

African-American spiritual

1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a
 3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an
 4 I've got faith like an an - chor, I've got faith like an

1
 riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
 foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my
 o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean, in my
 an - chor, I've got faith like an an - chor, in my

2
 soul. I've got riv - er in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean in my soul.
 soul. I've got an - chor in my soul.