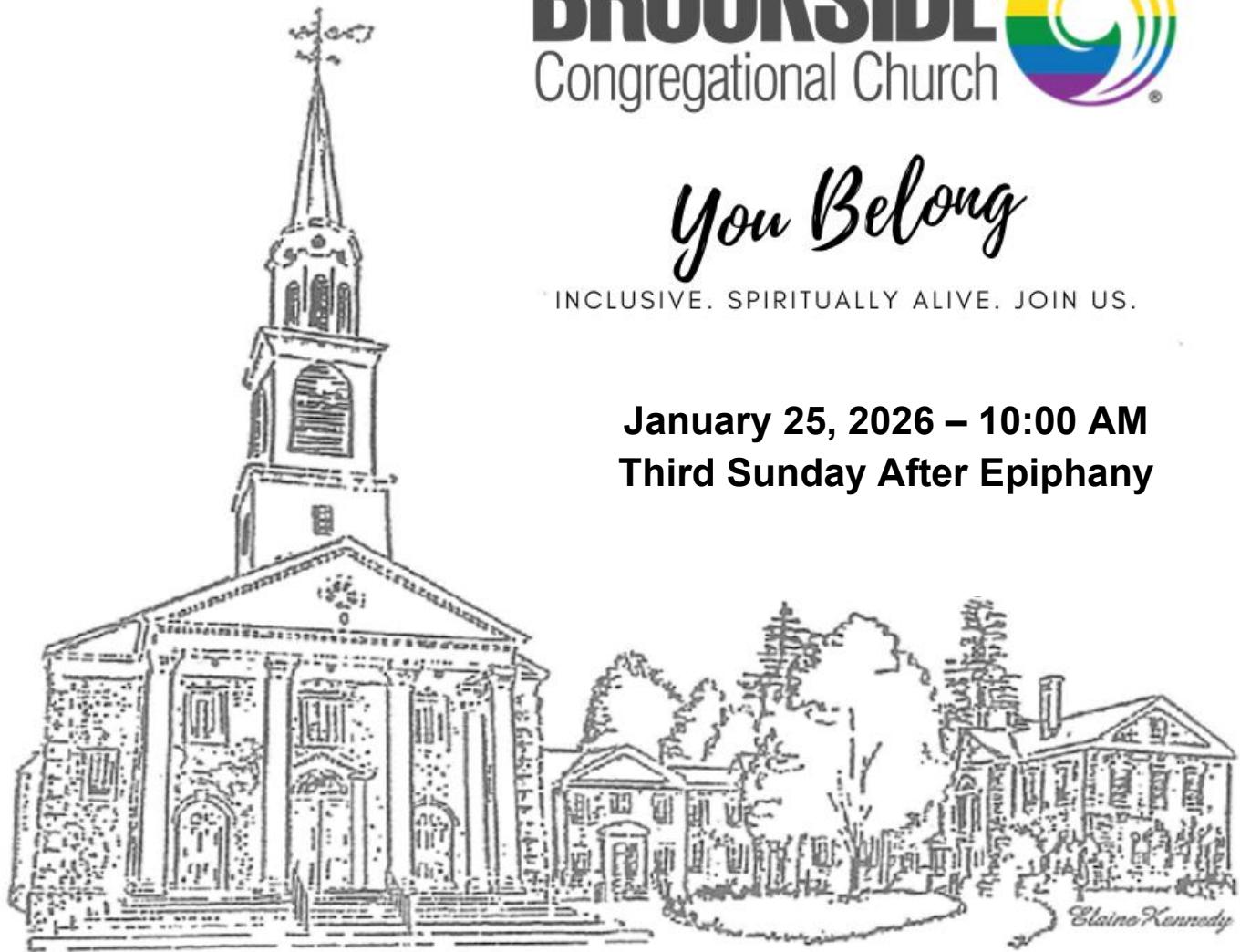




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**January 25, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Third Sunday After Epiphany**



Rev. Laura Biddle, Minister
Michelle Jaques, Music Leader
Heather Bridges, Choir Leader
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*Please Stand

GREETING

The **flowers** this morning are given in memory of Charles and Mary Manning and her father and mother Frank and Elenora Carpenter. Mary was the primary donor of the property on which Brookside Church now resides.

PRELUDE *Here I Am To Worship (Light Of The World)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come worship God, our light and our stronghold.

People: We seek to live in the presence of God all the days of our lives.

Leader: God will shelter us when we are in any kind of trouble. God wants to keep us safe.

People: We are called today, to set aside anything that blocks us from God.

Leader: Our eyes are lifted so we can see the light of the Holy Spirit guiding us forward.

People: God is gracious with our coming in and going out.
Praise be to God.

OPENING PRAYER

God of light and love, we long to live in a world without violence and greed. We hope that your shelter is so wide that anyone can belong and everyone can be transformed by your love. But we fear that the quarrels between nations and neighbors will determine our relationships with you moving into the future. Help us trust in Your invitation to follow Jesus. Remind us that we can always let go of grudges and discontent, to walk in your light. With you as our companion, nothing is impossible. Remind us to release our negativity and believe in the power of Your Spirit. AMEN

*HYMN *Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult* N 172

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:12-23 Dale Trombley

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of

Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news[d] of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

MESSAGE

Rev. Laura Biddle

ANTHEM

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

Brookside Choir

PRAYERS

LORD'S 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.**

SLIDE SHOW

Debi Rapson

*HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *The Church Is One Foundation*

Deacon of the Week: Amara VanAmburg

Reader: Dale Trombley

Spirit Squad: Mavrogeorge Family

Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg
Technology: Matt Burch

As an open and affirming church, let's resume wearing our nametags so we can all get to know each other.

Please Remember in Prayer

Cliff and Martha Church
Susie Collins
Judy Foley
Lloyd Freese

Anne Lachance
The Migliori Family
Anna O'Donnell
Tim Smith

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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Annual Meeting Today

Just a reminder that the annual meeting is today at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary.

January Book Group - "The Great Believers"

On **Thursday, January 29 at 6:00 pm**, the "Brookside Bookers" will be discussing the book "The Great Believers" by Rebecca Makkai. 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 during the week of the book group.

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.



Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

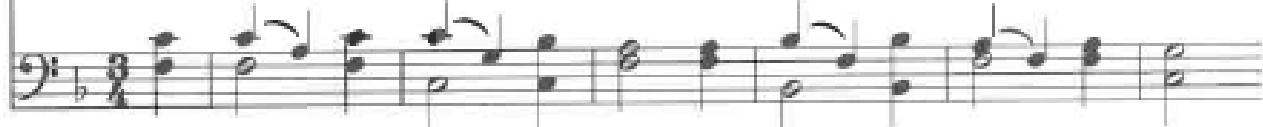
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John Fawcett, 1782; alt.

Gal. 3:28; 6:2; Col. 3:13-15



1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
2 Be - fore our God we come and pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,
4 When we are called to part it gives us in - ward pain,



The shar - ing of a com-mon life is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows a sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

