

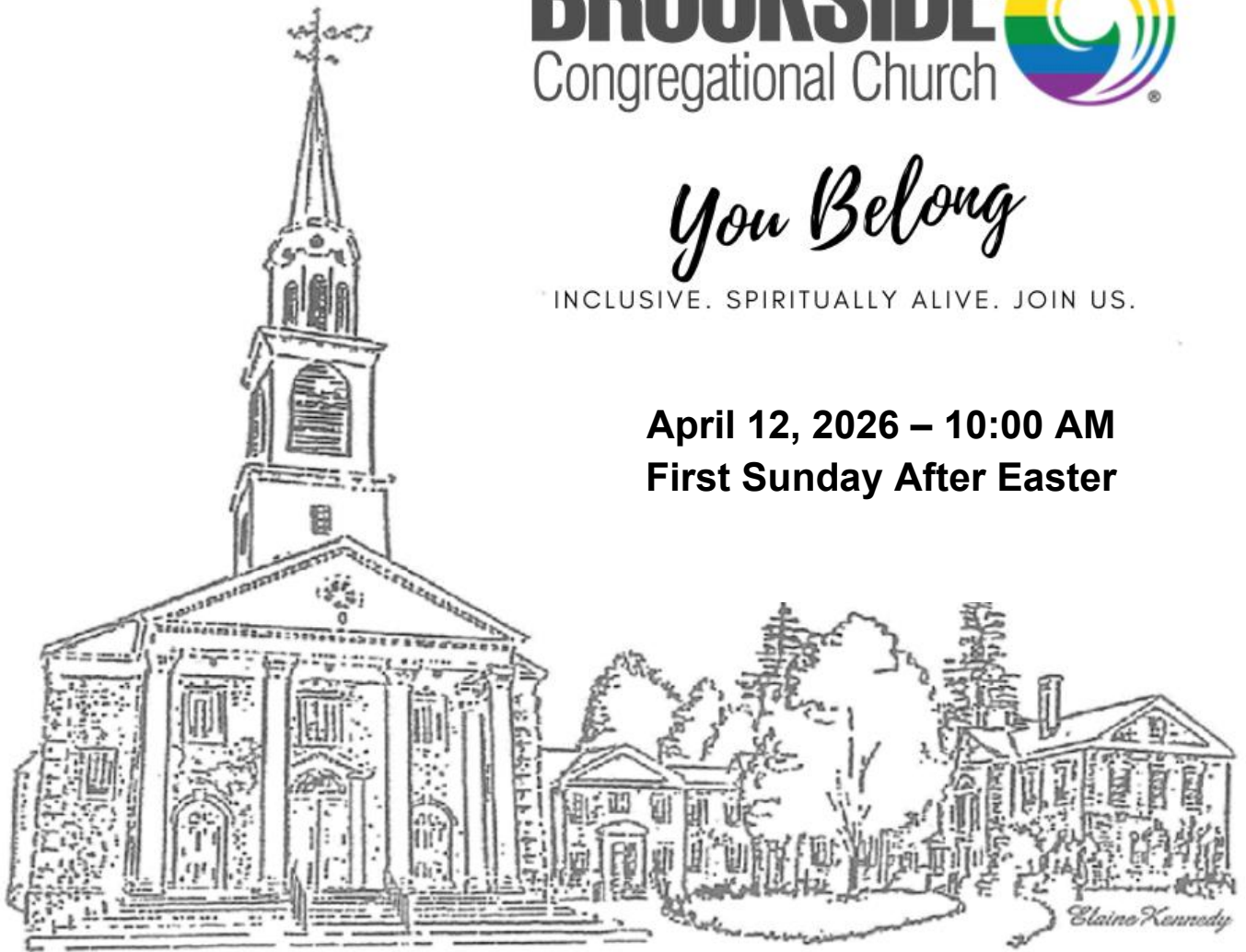
BROOKSIDE
Congregational Church



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April 12, 2026 – 10:00 AM
First Sunday After Easter



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*Please Stand

GREETING

The **Flowers** are given in honor of Nora and Clare McGuinness' Birthdays by Linda Seabury. THANK GOD FOR GRANDCHILDREN.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Enter this sacred space with joy. Jesus Christ has risen from the empty tomb!

People: We are still confused and wondering if this is real. How can we be sure?

Leader: Faith includes mystery. Sometimes, we can only trust God's presence without proof.

People: Jesus always told people to follow him. How can we follow someone we cannot see?

Leader: God's voice lives in our hearts and souls. Let's pause and listen for God's wisdom and guidance.

OPENING PRAYER

Psalm 47:

God of joyous beginnings. Today, our hands clap for the rising of your son Jesus. We shout with loud songs of celebration. For You are awesome. We pray that during this time of worship, we can feel your love and trust in your presence. Some of us are struggling with our health. Others are tired and ready for a break. Grant us your spirit of new life and hope as we worship your son Jesus. Help us make the resurrection story real in our hearts and souls. AMEN

*HYMN *Hail the Day That Sees Christ Rise* N 260

SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31 Michael Drewry

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON	Seeing to Believe	Rev. Laura Biddle
ANTHEM	<i>An Outcast Among Outcasts</i>	Brookside Choir
OFFERTORY	<i>More Precious Than Silver</i>	
*DOXOLOGY		

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORDS PRAYER

*HYMN	<i>Love Divine All Loves Excelling</i>	N 43
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE	<i>To God Be The Glory</i>	
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Deacon of the Week: Ed Mitchell
Reader: Michael Drewry
Spirit Squad: Schneider Family
Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg
Technology: Brian Brady

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

 *Please Remember in Prayer* 

Cliff and Martha Church
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Domi
Sis Dunn
Judy Foley and Lloyd Freese

Anne Lachance
Tricia Lucas
Leigh Polish
Anna O'Donnell
Tim Smith

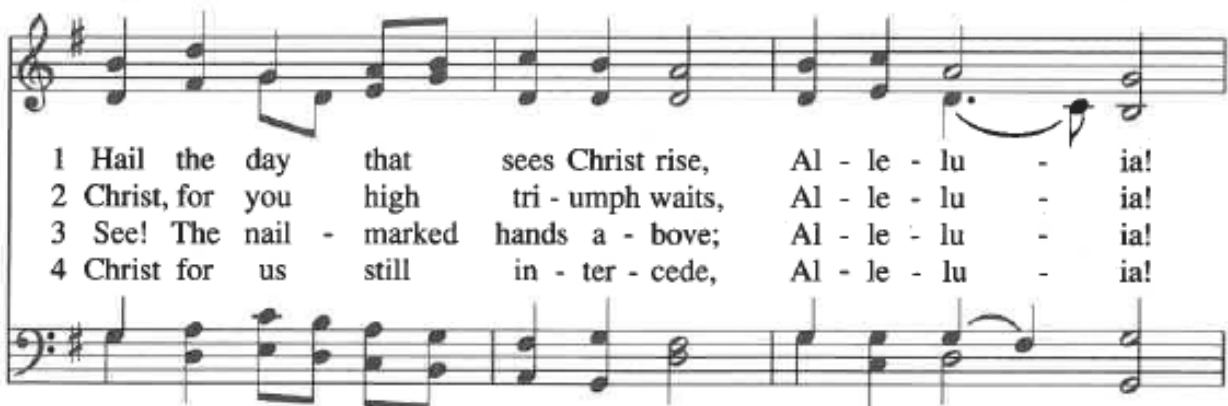
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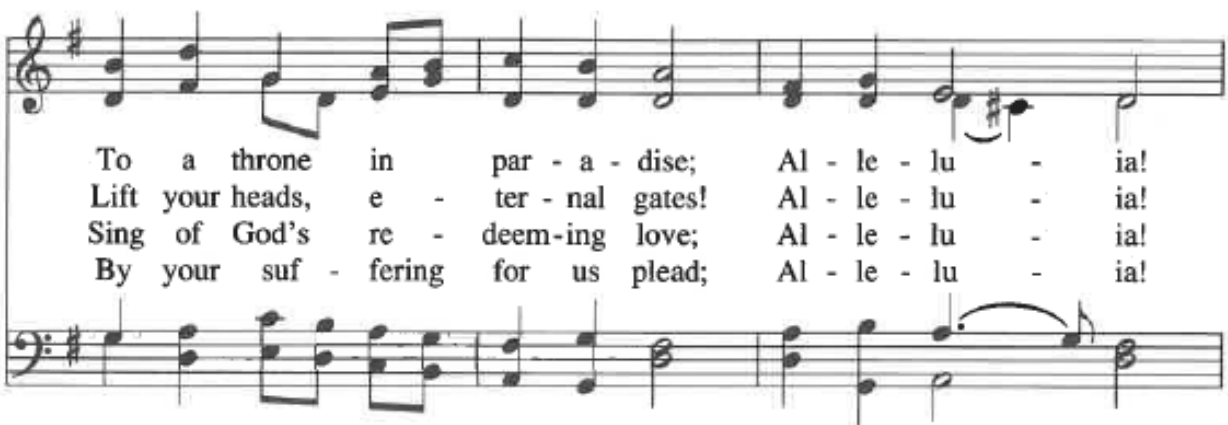
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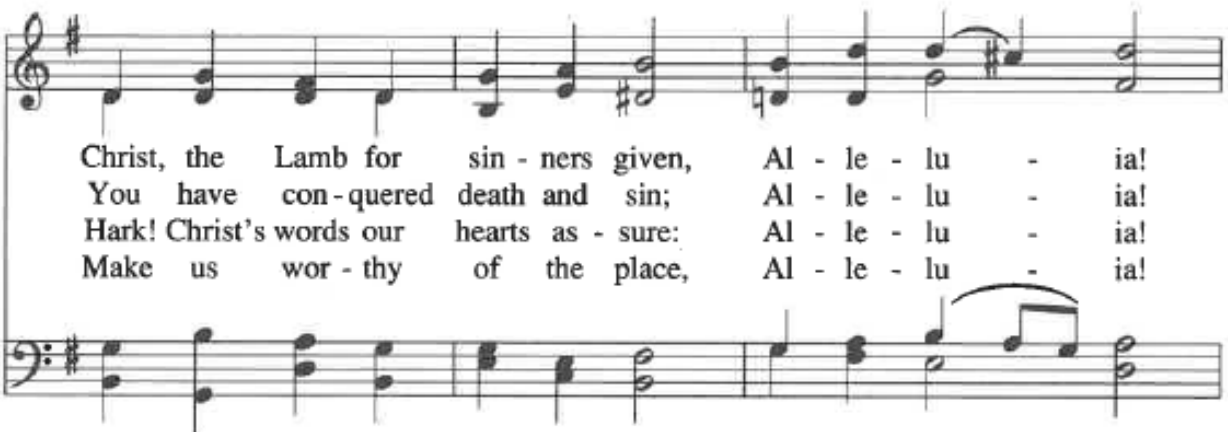
Hail the Day That Sees Christ Rise

*Acts 1:6-11; John 14:16**Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.*


1 Hail the day that sees Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Christ, for you high tri - umph waits, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 See! The nail - marked hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Christ for us still in - ter - cede, Al - le - lu - ia!



To a throne in par - a - dise; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sing of God's re - deem - ing love; Al - le - lu - ia!
 By your suf - fering for us plead; Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 You have con - quered death and sin; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! Christ's words our hearts as - sure; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Make us wor - thy of the place, Al - le - lu - ia!



En - ters now the high - est heaven. Al - le - lu - ia!
 You, our Sov - ereign, en - ter in! Al - le - lu - ia!
 "I will send a Com - fort - er!" Al - le - lu - ia!
 Which you of - fer us by grace. Al - le - lu - ia!

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27**Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.*

1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
 2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;
 3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all your life re-ceive;
 4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;



Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;
 Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;
 Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.
 Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;



Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.
 Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-mega be;
 You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,
 Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,



Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
 End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.
 Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.



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