

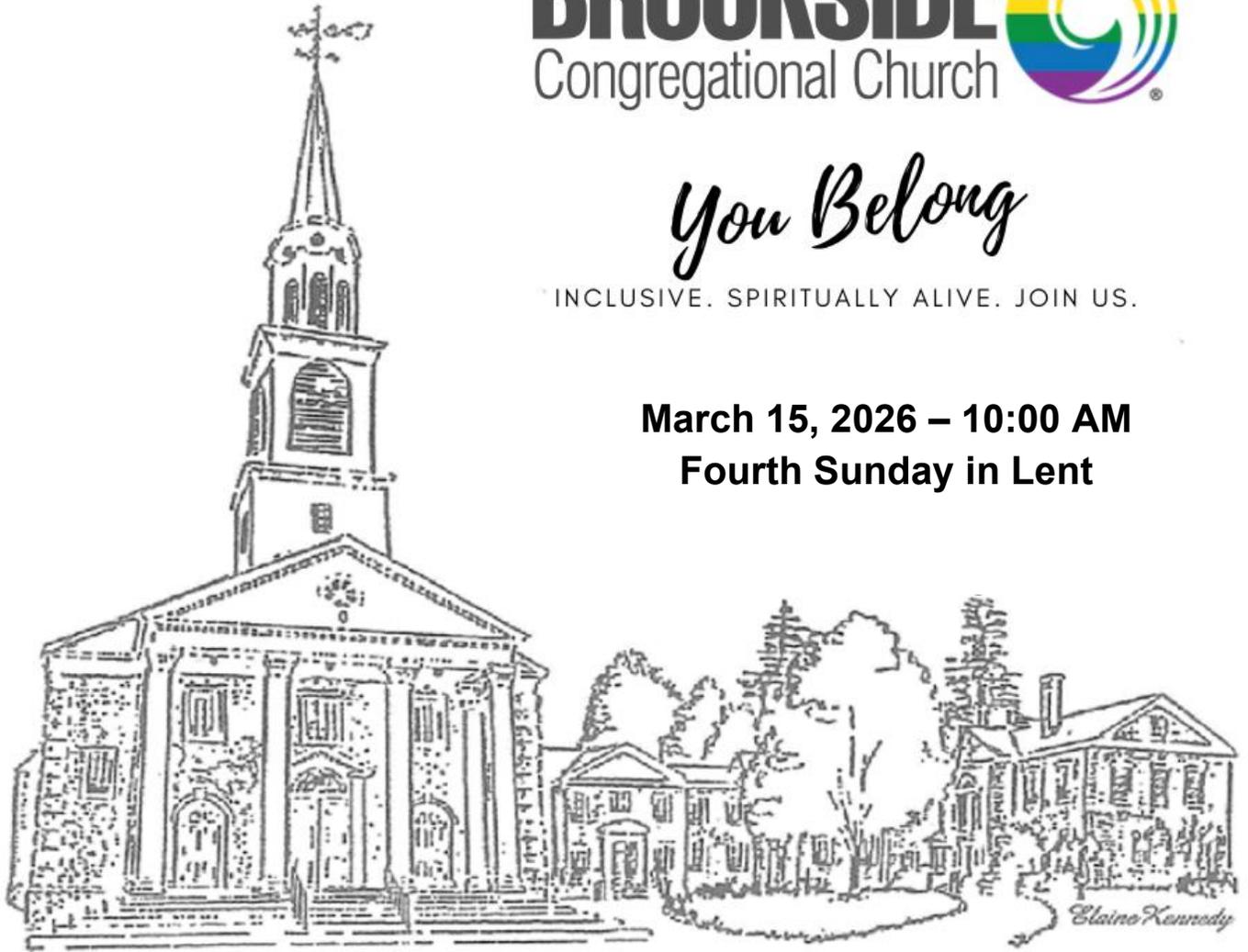
**BROOKSIDE**  
Congregational Church



*You Belong*

INCLUSIVE. SPIRITUALLY ALIVE. JOIN US.

**March 15, 2026 – 10:00 AM**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**



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 by Nancy and Louise Popp in memory of their sister Sharon Popp.

PRELUDE *Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we move towards the cross, may each of us see the love of Christ before us.

**People: His humanity reminds us that all emotions are acceptable in God's sight.**

Leader: Fear, anger, frustration, powerlessness, and worry live in all of our souls. Only God can calm us when we are insecure.

**People: We enter this time of worship with open hearts and minds, trusting that here, God's peace will rest upon our shoulders.**

Leader: Let us not be afraid, for God is good always, and always good.

## OPENING PRAYER

We come to you O God, crying for the world and its inhabitants. Hear our voices. Let your ears be attentive to our supplications. Standing with one another, we worship your son Jesus and pray for peace and forgiveness. Our souls wait for signs of your unending Hope. Weave your spirit through our hearts, reminding us of our connections to all people throughout the world. You, who raised Jesus from the tomb, raise us also with your enduring love. AMEN

(from Psalm 130)

\*HYMN *Great is Thy Faithfulness* N 423

SCRIPTURE Mark 11:15-25 Jane Sherwin

Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves, and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. He was teaching and saying, "Is it

not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers."

And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him, for they were afraid of him because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. Then Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered." Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and if you do not doubt in your heart but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you. So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

"Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."

SERMON

Stand, Praying

Rev. Laura Biddle

ANTHEM

*We Are Marching*

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.**

\*HYMN

*Spirit of the Living God*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Open My Eyes That I May See*

Deacon of the Week: Chris Taylor  
Reader: Jane Sherwin  
Spirit Squad: Tanuma Family  
Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg  
Technology: Dale Trombley

*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  
The Family of Linda Fleming  
Judy Foley

Lloyd Freese  
Anne Lachance  
Anna O'Donnell  
Tim Smith

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### **Lenten Bible Study**

**Sunday, March 22 at 8:30 am in the Manning House Dining Room.**

The theme for our Lenten series this year is "The Last Words of Jesus."

Our study will prepare us for the worship experience at 10:00 am.

Please let us know if you are interested in attending.

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# Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson, 1926

Acts 11:15; 2 Cor. 3:1-6; Gal. 5:25

F Gm D Gm F Dm C F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line of quarter notes: Bb2, Bb3, G2, and F2. Chords are indicated above the staff: F (Bb2, D3, F3), Gm (Bb2, D3, F3), D (F#2, A2, D3), Gm (Bb2, D3, F3), F (Bb2, D3, F3), Dm (Bb2, D3, F3), C (E3, G3, Bb3), and F (Bb2, D3, F3).

F Gm D Gm F Bb/C C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line. Chords are indicated above the staff: F (Bb2, D3, F3), Gm (Bb2, D3, F3), D (F#2, A2, D3), Gm (Bb2, D3, F3), F (Bb2, D3, F3), Bb/C (Bb2, D3, F3), C7 (F3, Ab3, Bb3, D4), and F (Bb2, D3, F3).

Bb F G7 C

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

The third system features a more active vocal line. The vocal line starts with a quarter note Bb4, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note Bb4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line. Chords are indicated above the staff: Bb (Bb2, D3, F3), F (Bb2, D3, F3), G7 (F#2, A2, D3, F3), and C (E3, G3, Bb3).

F Gm D Gm F Dm C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line. Chords are indicated above the staff: F (Bb2, D3, F3), Gm (Bb2, D3, F3), D (F#2, A2, D3), Gm (Bb2, D3, F3), F (Bb2, D3, F3), Dm (Bb2, D3, F3), C7 (F3, Ab3, Bb3, D4), and F (Bb2, D3, F3).

*Lam. 3:22-23**Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.*

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,\*  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.  
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

*Refrain*

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed your

hand has pro - vid - ed, Great is your faith - ful-ness, God, un - to me!



## Easter Flowers

Donate an Easter plant to help us adorn the altar on Easter (April 5) with a profusion of lovely flowering plants – in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special person or event, or “just because.” If you would like to donate a plant for Easter Sunday, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by **Wednesday, March 18**.

I/We \_\_\_\_\_

wish to donate \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Plant (s)

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_ and/

or: in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of Plants:	Quantity	
Easter Lilies	_____	@ \$16.00 each
Tulips	_____	@ \$13.00 each
Hyacinths	_____	@ \$13.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Donate my plants

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my plants

*Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Made payable to Brookside Congregational Church). Plants may be picked up after the service on Easter Sunday.*