

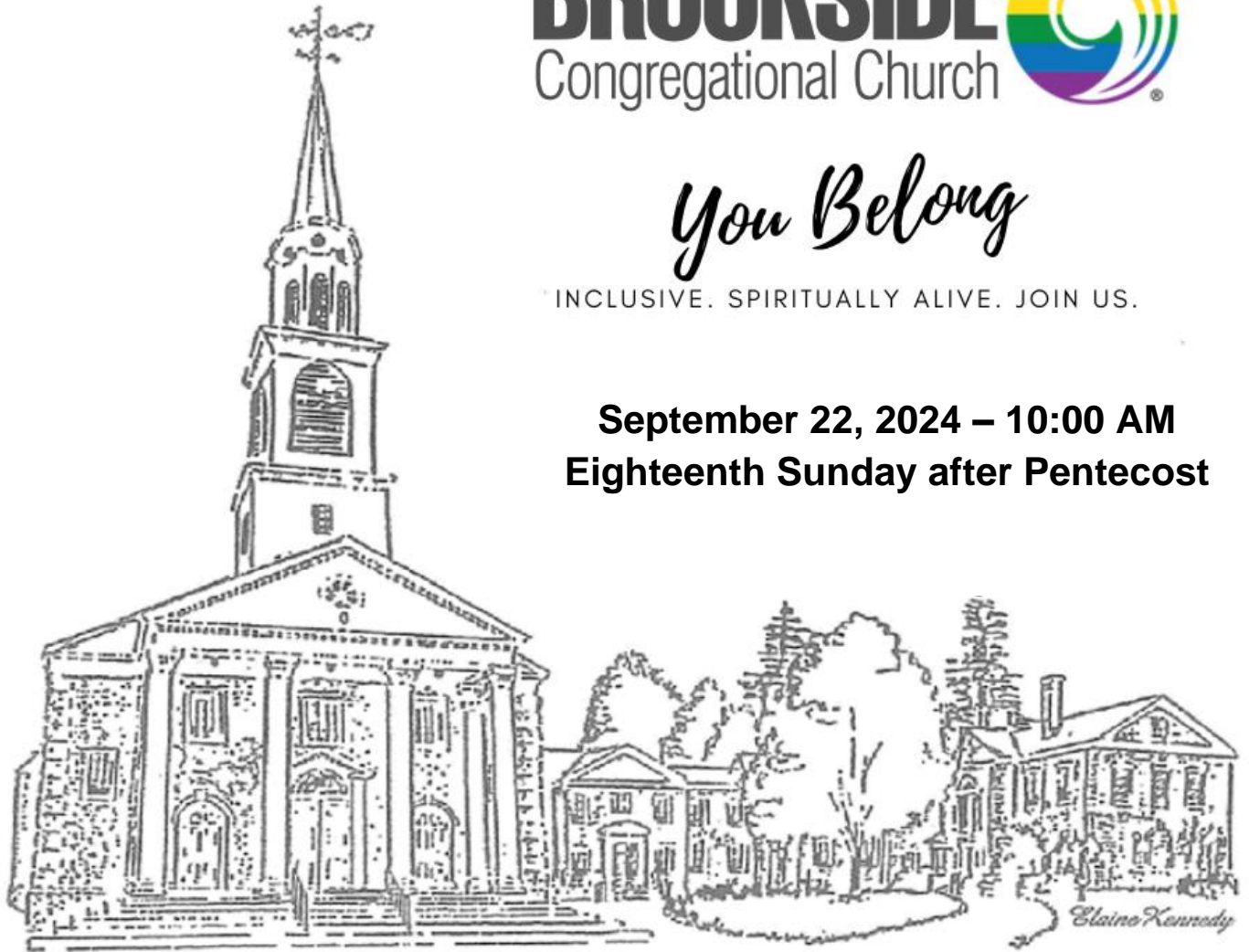
BROOKSIDE
Congregational Church



You Belong

INCLUSIVE. SPIRITUALLY ALIVE. JOIN US.

September 22, 2024 – 10:00 AM
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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*Please Stand

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **flowers** this morning are given in grateful memory for all those women, and affiliate men, who provided support and guidance during their time with us on this earth for Brookside's Women's Union.

PRELUDE *Gymnopedie No. 1; Satie*

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today, we open ourselves to God's generosity. Supporting one another, we are aware of the many people joining us, both here and at home.

People: Let the hearts of all who seek God rejoice. May we be guided by God's light that shines before us and within us.

Leader: As we settle into this time of worship, open to all that God wants us to see, may we notice where God's light abides.

People: Our prayers are strong because we have faith that when we pray, God listens and responds.

Leader: Let us be the church at worship.

OPENING PRAYER

Glory to You O God, who humbly and boldly brings us to this sacred place today. We rejoice in your wonderful works, in the miracles you have inspired among us, and in the resources with which we have been blessed. We recommit ourselves today, to praying for your people everywhere. We pray for peace in the world and in our homes. We pray for friends and strangers alike. In prayer, we lift our hearts to You. AMEN

*HYMN

Blessed Assurance

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KIDS MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

James 5:13-20

Dale Trombley

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins

to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

SERMON

Friends Who Pray

Rev. Laura

ANTHEM

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

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Awesome God; Mullins

Deacon of the Week: Andrew Daigle

Reader: Dale Trombley

Spirit Squad: Trecartin Family

Technology: Matt Burch

Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg



Please Remember in Prayer



Cliff and Martha Church
Anne Lachance
Donna Leavell
Bob Nenni

Anna O'Donnell
Rachel
Stacy

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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Rev. Laura's Fall Book Group - Save the Date

On **Thursday, October 17 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm** the "Brookside Bookers" will be discussing the book "The Women". Join us for a fascinating discussion.

Rev. Laura..."I am very excited about this book which focuses on three nurses serving in the military during the Vietnam War. Bring your experiences and those of others you know to this lively book group. Hope to see you there."

To register please send your name and email to the admin@brooksideecc.org

An Invitation to join the Brookside Choir

Worship is an important part of Sunday service at Brookside. We are grateful for our current choir members and musicians who are excited to work on musical selections under the leadership of our Music Leader, Jordan Gravel. We also want to extend an open invitation to anyone who would like to join this inclusive and music-loving community. The choir rehearses on Sunday mornings before service from 8:30-9:30am. If you have any questions about joining, you can contact Jordan at jordangravel@gmail.com.

Brookside Joining Ceremony and Reception

Joining Brookside is an opportunity for everyone to know that they belong in this community. Some people in our congregation have expressed an interest to join as soon as possible. We will have a joining ceremony on September 29, a new to Brookside reception on October 6 at 11:00 am in the Manning House, and another joining ceremony on October 27. This includes online worshipers. If you are interested in joining, please contact Rev. Laura at revlaura@brooksidecc.org or the office at louise@brooksidecc.org.

*Acts 17:30-31; Rev. 7:9-14**Fanny Crosby, 1873; alt.*

1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blessed; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

God, born of the Spir - it, washed in Christ's blood.
 bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 bove, filled with God's good - ness, lost in Christ's love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long;

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains five measures of music, including a half note chord in the final measure. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, also containing five measures of music, including a half note chord in the final measure. The lyrics are centered between the two staves.

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The second system of the musical score also consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains five measures of music, including a half note chord in the final measure. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, also containing five measures of music, including a half note chord in the final measure. The lyrics are centered between the two staves.

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

(How Can I Keep from Singing)

Ps. 46:1-7; 1 Cor. 3:21-23; 2 Cor. 5:17

*Anon. in Bright Jewels for the Sunday School,
ed. Robert Lowry, 1899; alt.
St. J. Doris Pienn, c. 1957*

The musical score is written in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in four columns, corresponding to the four verses of the hymn.

Verse 1: My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -
Verse 2: What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is
Verse 3: When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells
Verse 4: I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a -

ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that
 liv - ing, What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A
 ring - ing; When friends re - joice both far and near, how
 bove it; And day by day this path - way smooths, since

hails a new cre - a - tion. Through all the tu - mult
 new song Christ is giv - ing. No storm can shake my
 can I keep from sing - ing? In pris - on cell and
 first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes

and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It
 in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since
 dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When
 fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing; All