

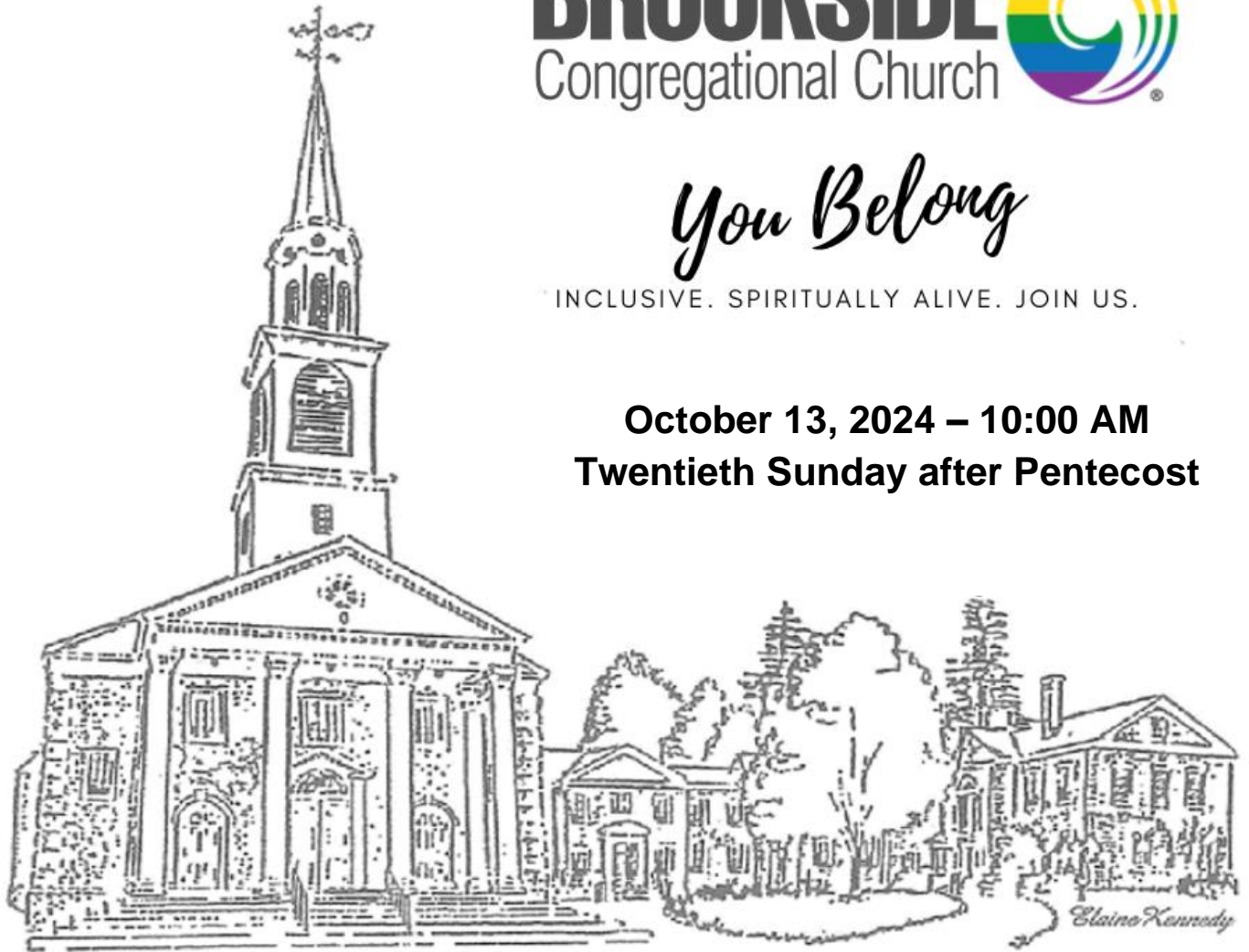
**BROOKSIDE**  
Congregational Church



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**October 13, 2024 – 10:00 AM**  
**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**



Rev. Laura Biddle, Minister  
Jordan Gravel, Music Leader  
Christina Alvarez & Amber Nicole Cannan, Youth Troupe Leaders  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of Hope Pearson by Sarah and Bob Merrill and Carl Pearson.

PRELUDE *Lift Every Voice and Sing; Johnson*

## GREETING

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are drawn to worship by the rhythms of God's Holy Spirit.

**People: God's presence is beyond our imaginations.**

Leader: We gather in awe to sing God's praise and to pray for peace in the world.

**People: Amazed at the wonders and beauty around us, we can't help but raise our voices in harmony with the Spirit.**

Leader: How amazing is God's grace!

## OPENING PRAYER

Appear to us here, God of all worlds, for we need your assurance and blessing. We long to see you and hear your voice. We seek the strength to practice your loving kindness in all our encounters. The earth is our home that glories You in every creature and living being. Your Spirit fills the trees with life, the birds with song, and the oceans with waves of promise. O God, we want to be open to all you are revealing to us. AMEN

\*HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (vs 1-2)* N 4

SCRIPTURE Psalm 104:1-9; 24 Debi Rapson

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the

place that you appointed for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

SERMON                      The Earth Glorifies God                      Rev. Laura

ANTHEM                      *Siyahamba - African Folk Song*

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                      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (vs 1-2)

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands; Traditional*

Deacon of the Week: Amara VanAmburg

Reader: Debi Rapson

Spirit Squad: Schneider Family

Technology: Brian Brady

Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg



*Please Remember in Prayer*



Cliff and Martha Church

Bob Nenni

The Family of Judy George

Anna O'Donnell

Anne Lachance

Rachel

Donna Leavell

Stacy

Mary Lyons

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@brooksidecc.org](mailto:admin@brooksidecc.org)

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**Sunday, October 20** is African Partnership Sunday, when we recognize the long relationship or Ukama that has existed between the United Church of Christ, New Hampshire Conference and the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe. Brookside has been in relationship with Sakubva Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe since December 1996 – 28 years! On 10/20 we welcome Rev. Sara Marean, the UCC/NHC Associate Minister, as she leads our morning worship service. Rev. Marean has recently returned from a UCC/NHC delegation trip to Zimbabwe and our UCC Ukama Partners. Please join us as we celebrate our long Ukama/Partnership with Sakubva Church and the UCC of Zimbabwe.

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### **Brookside Joining Ceremony**

Joining Brookside is an opportunity for everyone to know that they belong in this community. We will be holding a joining ceremony on October 27. This includes online worshipers. If you are interested in joining, please contact Rev. Laura at [revlaura@brooksidecc.org](mailto:revlaura@brooksidecc.org) or the office at [louise@brooksidecc.org](mailto:louise@brooksidecc.org).

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Manning House Tour, **Today, October 13**. Please meet Bill Hoysradt in the front of the sanctuary after the service.

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## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

*Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13**Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.*

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;  
 2 All your works with joy sur - round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,  
 3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,  
 4 Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
 Bound - less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.

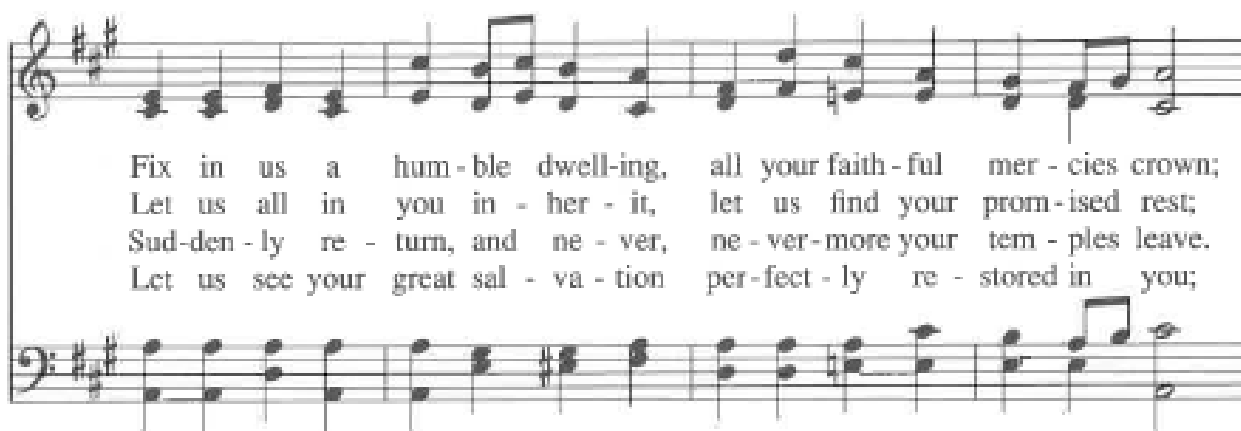
Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;  
 Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, teach us what our praise should be.  
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.  
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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

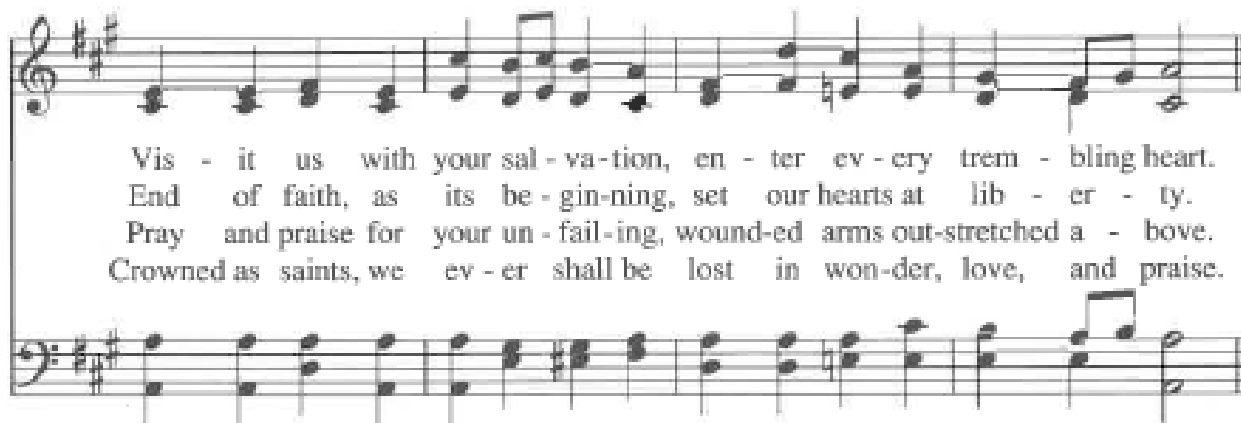

1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,  
 2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;  
 3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all your life re-ceive;  
 4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;



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-me-ga 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.