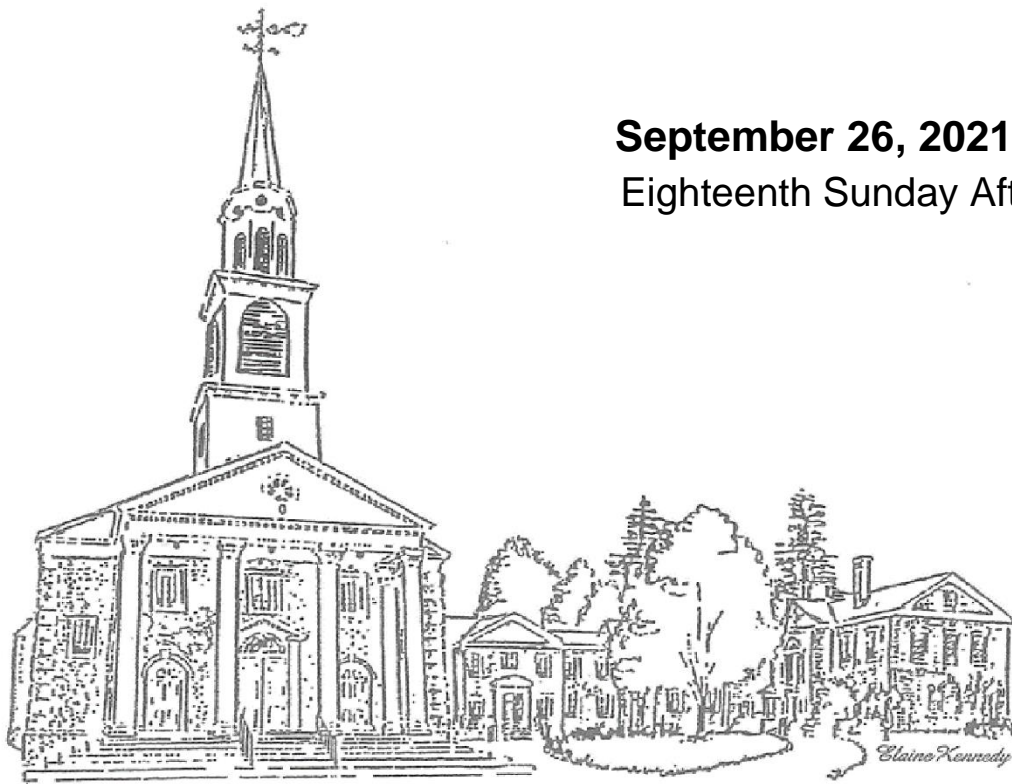


BROOKSIDE

Congregational Church

Room to Grow, to Serve, for You.



September 26, 2021 – 10:00 AM

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stewardship Sunday

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35

"Forget the former things. Do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18-19

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old is gone, the new is here." 2 Corinthians 5:17

The days are coming, declares our God, 'when I will make a new covenant with the people.'" Jeremiah 31:31

"I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 11:19

OPENING PRAYER

Psalm 98:1-3 O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory. The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Endings and Beginnings Rev. Laura

HYMN

God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

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SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Matthew Burch

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

MESSAGE

Matthew Burch

MUSICAL MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder (vs 1-3)

N 558

OFFERTORY

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Certain worship materials are used or adapted with permission from Fusion and UCC Resources. Hymns today are from New Century Hymnal.

The Spirit Squad will gather with Christina Alvarez for pizza and training immediately following the service.



Please Remember in Prayer



Amara
Ruth Bodge
Diane Clapp
Jean Mijal
Carolyn Monday

Barbara Morray
Anna O'Donnell
L. Parker
Rachel
Webster House Kids

Brookside's sponsor children: Eben Gulo and Praise Mupaahlwa
~ Sakubva Church, UCC – the center candle celebrates our
Ukama Partnership since 1996 ~

(Prayer requests will be printed in the bulletin for a three-week period)

(Introduction)

G G7 Unison C Em Am Dm

1 God of the spar - row God of the whale
 2 God of the earth-quake God of the storm
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand

G7 C FM7 E7 Am Em

God of the swirl - ing stars How does the crea-ture say
 God of the trum - pet blast How does the crea-ture cry
 God of the emp - ty grave How does the crea-ture say
 God of the prod - i - gal How does the crea-ture say
 God of the prun - ing hook How does the crea-ture say
 God of the lov - ing heart How do your chil-dren say

FM7 Em7 Am Dm 1-5 Gsus4 G C

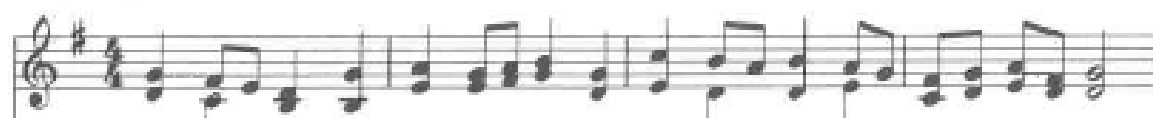
Awe How does the crea-ture say Praise
 Woe How does the crea-ture cry Save
 Grace How does the crea-ture say Thanks
 Care How does the crea-ture say Life
 Love How does the crea-ture say Peace
 Joy How do your chil-dren say Home.

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

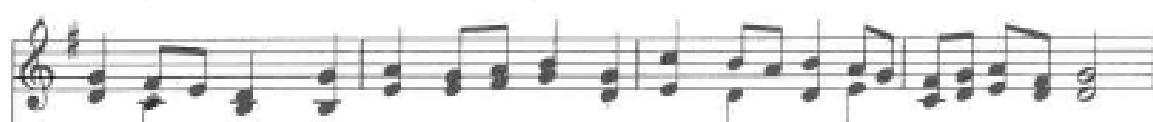
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Curtis Beach, 1958, rev. 1980; alt.


Ps. 8



1 O how glo-rious, full of won-der is your name o'er all the earth,
 2 When we see your lights of heav-en, moon and stars, your power dis-played,
 3 You have set us in com-mu-nion with the won-ders of your hand,
 4 O how won-drous, O how glo-rious is your name in ev-ery land,



God, who wrought cre-a-tion's splen-dor, bring-ing suns and stars to birth!
 Who are we that you should love us, crea-tures that your hand has made?
 Made us fly with ea-gle pin-ion, pil-grims o-ver sea and land.
 God, whose pur-pose shines be-fore us toward the goal that you have planned!



Rapt in rev-erence we a-dore you, mar-veling at your mys-tic ways.
 Born of earth, yet full of yearn-ing, mix-ture strange of good and ill,
 Soar-ing spire and ru-ined cit-y, these our hopes and fail-ures show.
 Yours the will our hearts are seek-ing, con-scious of our hu-man need.



Hum-bly now we bow be-fore you, lift-ing up our hearts in praise.
 From your ways so of-ten turn-ing, yet your love does seek us still.
 Teach us more of hu-man pit-y, that we in your im-age grow.
 Spir-it in our spir-it speak-ing, make us yours, O God, in-deed.