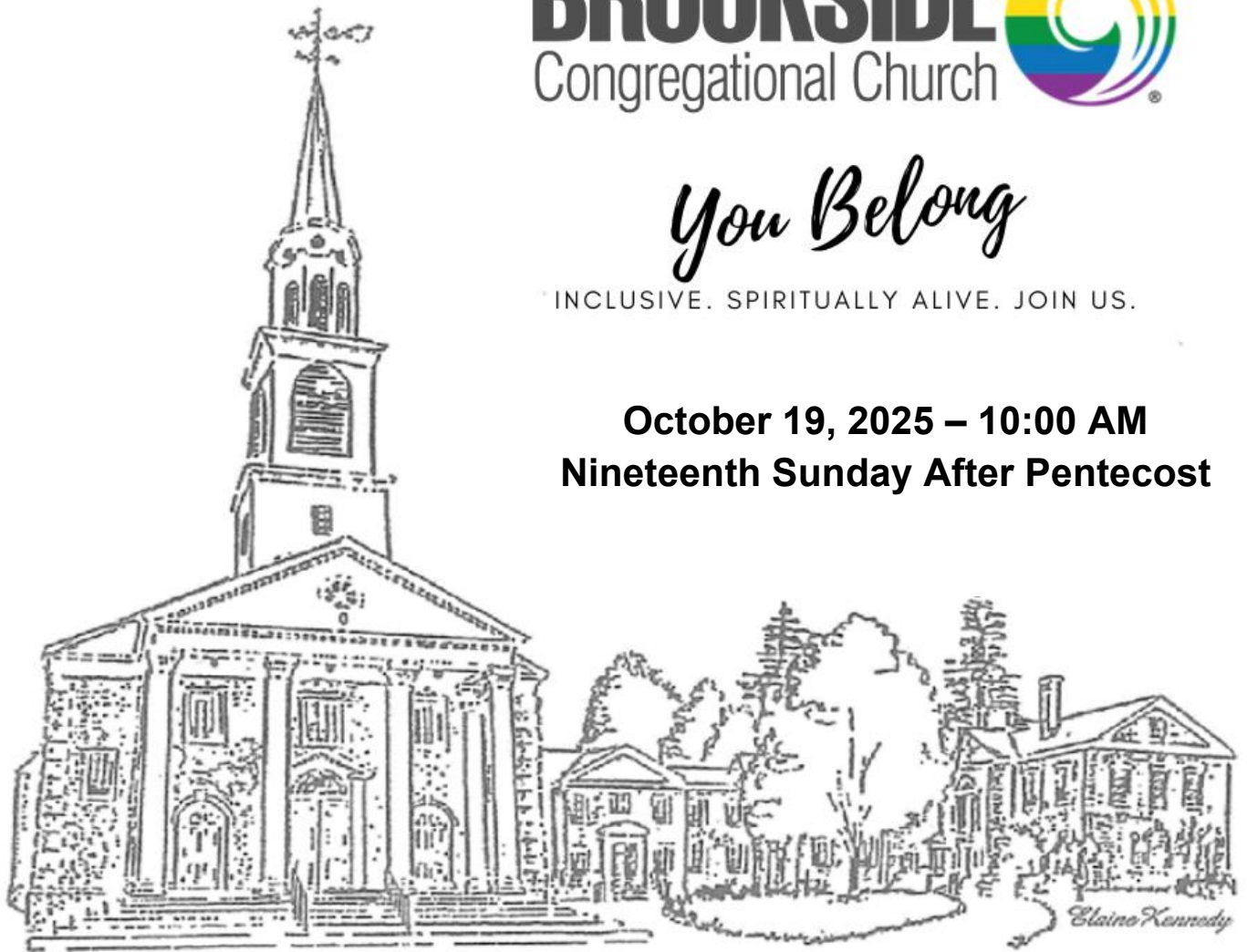




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October 19, 2025 – 10:00 AM
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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*Please Stand

GREETING

These **flowers** are given by Ed and Judi Mitchell in loving memory of their parents, Peggy and Dick Mitchell and Stan Russell. Always in our hearts.

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

YOUTH MESSAGE

Rev. Laura Biddle

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gather together to hear stories of faith and courage. Listen for the ways that God invites us to pray.

People: We often hold back on praying because we cannot feel or see the results of our words.

Leader: Jesus reminds us today that persistent prayer takes courage. To trust in God's healing spirit requires us to let go of preconceived results.

People: We are challenged to stay open to whatever God has in store for us. Our prayers need only to be authentic and true to our hearts and souls.

Leader: In the spirit of deepening our faith today, let us pray mindfully, trusting God's attentiveness.

OPENING PRAYER

Great Spirit, Holy One, you are the light we turn to when darkness seems to invade our lives. These days of longer nights, when the moon is our guide in the sky, we need to know that you are our dwelling place, and your light is our refuge. We stand and pray in awe before you, amazed to discover that you truly care about each and every one of us. Remind us that our hearts and souls can find hope in the most difficult times. Join us during this time of worship.

*HYMN

Love Devine, All Loves Excelling

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:1-8

Jen Trecartin

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone,

yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' ” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

SERMON

Continually Asking for Help

Rev. Laura Biddle

ANTHEM

Seek Ye First

Brookside Choir

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

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Standing in the Need of Prayer

Deacon of the Week: Chris Taylor

Reader: Jen Trecartin

Spirit Squad: Schneider Family

Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg

Technology: Dale Trombley



Please Remember in Prayer



Cliff and Martha Church

Karen Content

Linda Fleming

Jean Peterson

Anne Lachance

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Anna O'Donnell

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

On Thursday, October 23 at 6:00 pm the "Brookside Bookers" will be discussing the book "James" by Percival Everett. Join us for a fascinating discussion led by Rev. Laura. To register, please send your name and email to the office. The Zoom link will be sent to registered participants the week of the book group.

Brookside Choir

Do you like to sing? Does music bring you joy? The Brookside Choir Is looking for new members to help us make a "joyful noise" during our Sunday worship services. No prior choir experience is necessary.

The Brookside Choir will host a breakfast of coffee and donuts in the Narthex on **Sunday, October 26th at 8:00 am**. Come meet the choir, have breakfast, and stay for choir practice at 8:30am in the sanctuary. We will begin practicing music for Advent and Christmas that day.

Please join us! Come sing and have fun!

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.

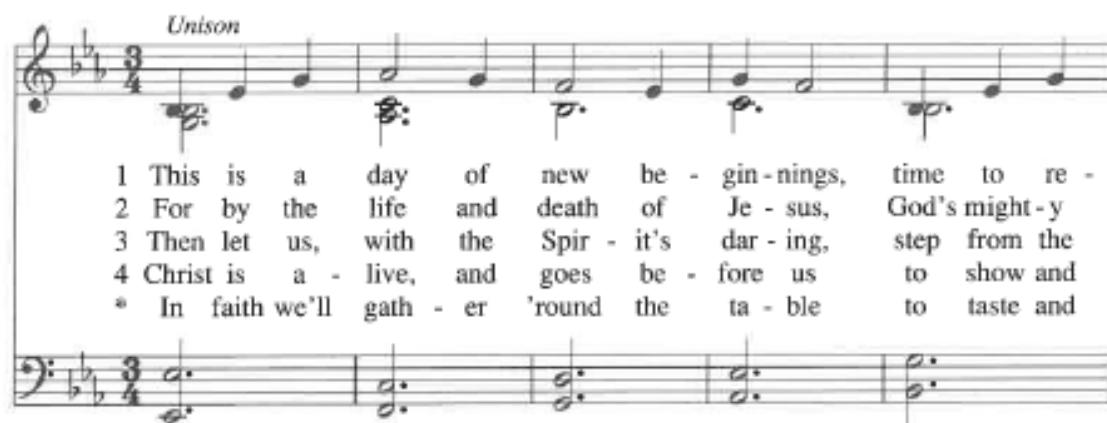


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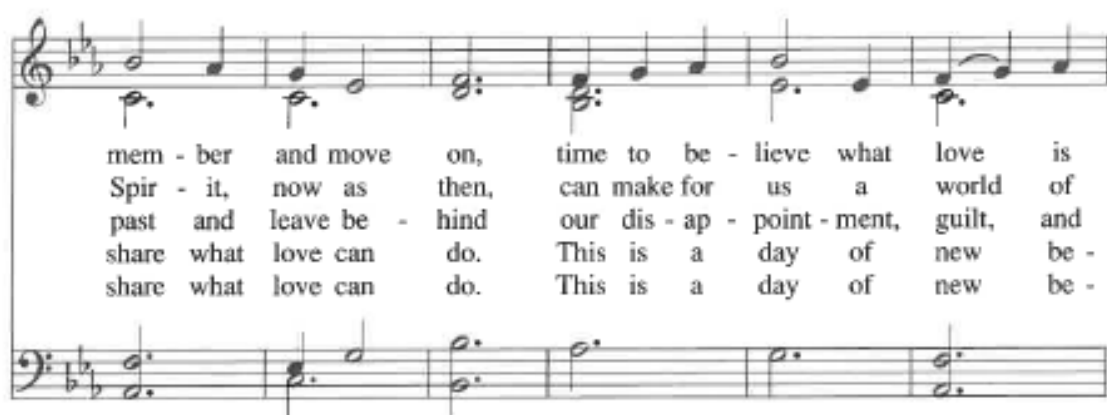
2 Cor. 5:16-17

Brian Wren, 1978; rev. 1983

Unison



1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and
 * In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and



mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is
 Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of
 past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -
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bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.
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