

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Reconciling Works is delighted to celebrate with you this Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Sunday through Created Whole, the 2023 worship service! Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Sunday is an annual worship celebration created to share in the commitment our organization and partnering faith communities have in the ongoing work of welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for LGBTQIA+ people in the life of the church. We hope you enjoy Created Whole, as we join our 995+ partners across the United States and Canada through this celebratory service.



We celebrate Christ's presence in the Sacrament of the Table each week at Peace. Christ, our Host, meets us in this meal of grace and offers himself, fully embodied, in the bread and wine. He invites all to come and meet him in this Holy Meal.

+ GATHERING +

P – Presider A – Assisting Minister C – Congregation L - Lector ELW – Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal

PRELUDE

WELCOME

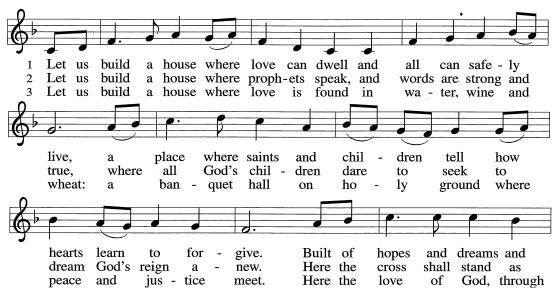
THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM Please rise as able and face the font.

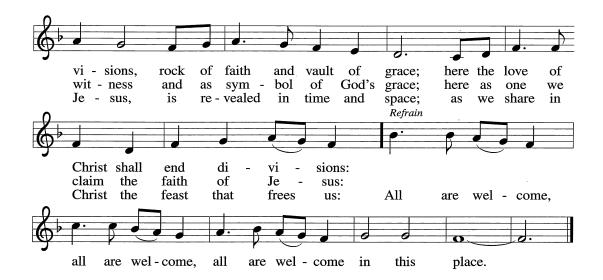
A You call us through the waters of baptism to be our authentic selves. You called us holy and set us on a path to manifest your revolution on Earth. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, fountain of living water, who is the source of breath and nourishment.
- C Amen.
- P We praise you for the waters of life: for the streams and oceans, lakes and estuaries, and for the rain and snow that gives life to every living thing. From the waters above and the waters below, you made sacred our bond with water. Through the waters of the flood and the parting of the seas, you showed your promises to be true.
- A In the waters of baptism you claim us and call each of us by our true name.
- C Through baptism into the body of Christ, you transform our lives and make us whole.
- P Send now your Spirit to move in our midst and soak us with your gifts of mercy, love, and grace.
- C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN All Are Welcome ELW #641, verses 1-3

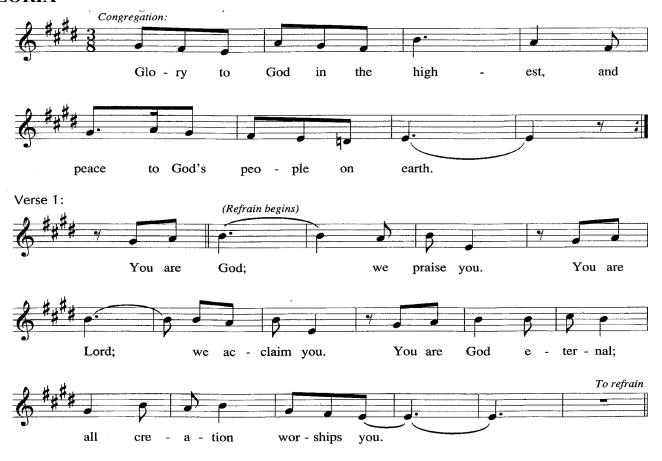


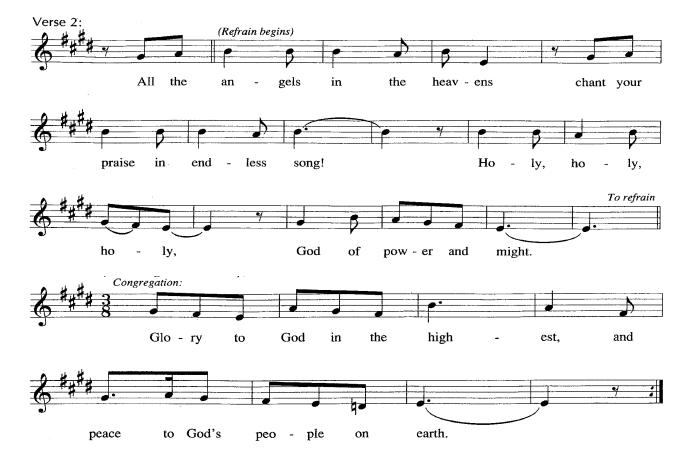


GREETING

- P The grace of Jesus Christ, the love, mercy, and justice of God, and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

GLORIA





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Loving Creator, you knit us together and created our innermost beings. You created us loved, worthy, and unique. You created us LGBTQIA+, BIPOC, neurodiverse and physically diverse. Help us to find our wholeness in you and live into our divinely inspired purpose. Guide us to unfold your story of love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

PASS THE HAT

Reconciling Works

FIRST READING Exodus 2:1-10

Boots Winterstein

Through circumstances no one could have predicted, a sister's advocacy everts disaster for the young Moses, and his own mother becomes his "nurse maid."

¹Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw

the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139: 1-10, 13-15, 23 Read responsively

¹Lord, you have searched me out; O Lord, you have known me.

²You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. ³You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. ⁵You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it. ⁷Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also. ⁹If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

¹⁵My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

²³Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts.

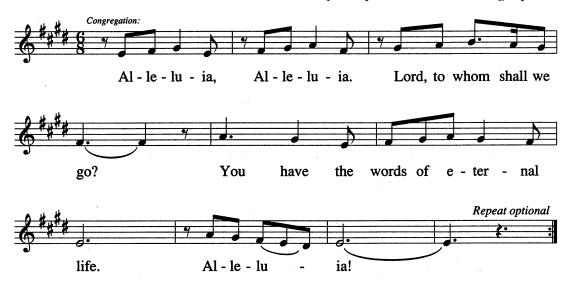
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Paul illustrates for the Corinthians how varied gifts given by the Holy Spirit build up the body of Christ.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel



- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL John 14:23-29

A disciple asks Jesus how he will reveal himself.

²³Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe."

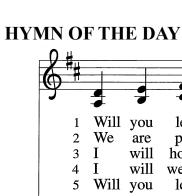
- L The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Melanie Coulson

SERMON Jon Lackey

What does it mean to be in a community of faith where you can be your true, authentic self?







A CONTEMPORARY RENDERING OF A CHRISTIAN CREED

Let us profess our faith: P

We believe in one God, the Architect and Guardian, who, in the beginning, breathed life into the void, sprouting all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in Jesus Christ who, in order to reconcile the cosmos, was sent by God, a piece of God's own self, to be born human as kin to us all. And who, at the hands of political tyranny, was killed. He rose again to new life in love to return the world to God

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is one with the Creator and Savior. She is our guide and wisdom.

She pours her spirit into apostles, prophets, teachers, healers, and listeners. We believe in the uniting of all Christians into the one body of Christ,

And we believe in our return to God at the end. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Heidi Eilers

A Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer. *Petitions are offered that end with*:

A Merciful God,

C send wholeness to us.

When all petitions have been offered:

A Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy wisdom.

C Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

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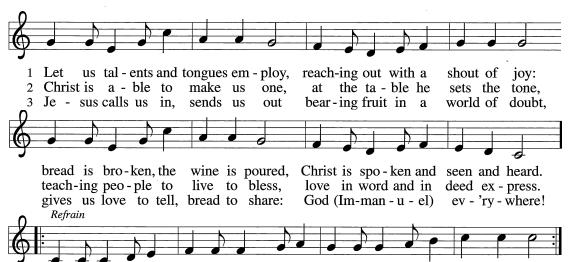
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OFFERTORY HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW #674

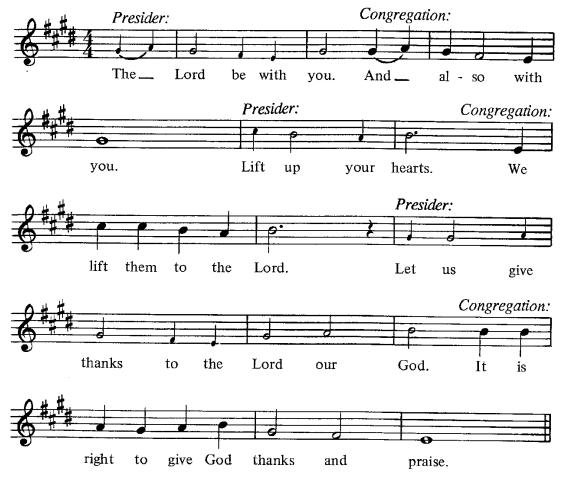


Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
- C God of all creation, you have given us life, love, compassion and hope. We offer the gifts of our very beings to your holy calling. Strengthen us through these gifts to be the arms of mercy and justice for the world. Amen.

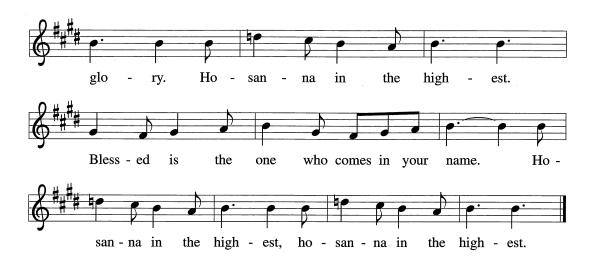
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P Holy, just, and merciful God. In the intersection of the waters above and the waters below, you created life out of the void. We thank you for the gift of creation. Through Miriam and Moses, you lead your people from oppression into liberation. We thank you for your gift of liberation. You sent the prophets to call us to love not hate, and guide us to your faithfulness in your promises. We thank you for your promise to love. In the intersection of the divine and humanity, you made us whole through Jesus Christ.
- C We thank you for the gift of Christ.
- P In the night he shared his final meal with his friends, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
- C Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
- C This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all the people for forgiveness and healing. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P At this table make us one body in Christ, and form us to be a people of justice and peace.

 Teach us to see your face in the faces of those around us, and, through this bread and cup, fill us with gratitude and generosity that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed.
- C Amen.
- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
 Our Beloved Parent in heaven, Let your name be sanctified
 Let your realm come Let your will happen in heaven and also upon earth.
 Give to us today our nourishment that is necessary for life
 And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
 Do not ever carry us into testing situations But rescue us from the evil one.
 For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.
- C Thanks be to God.

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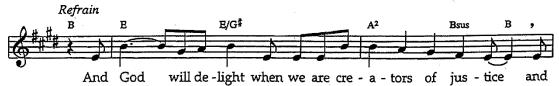
We commune processionally. Extend your hands to receive bread. A gluten free wafer is also available. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are available in the ceramic cups. Place your empty cup in the box at the end of the front pew on your way back. Children are welcome to receive when their parents believe they are ready, with the support of the pastor. Any who prefer a blessing may cross their hands over their chest as they come forward.

COMMUNION HYMN

A Place at the Table

Shirley Erena Murray

Congregation joins on each refrain.









- For everyone born, a place at the table,
 For everyone born, clean water and bread,
 A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
 For everyone born, a star overhead. *Refrain*
- 2. For just and unjust, a place at the table, Abuser, abused, with need to forgive, In anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, For just and unjust, a new way to live. *Refrain*
- 3. For gay and for straight, a place at the table,
 To live without fear, and simply to be,
 To work, to speak out
 To witness and worship,
 For everyone born, the right to be free. *Refrain*

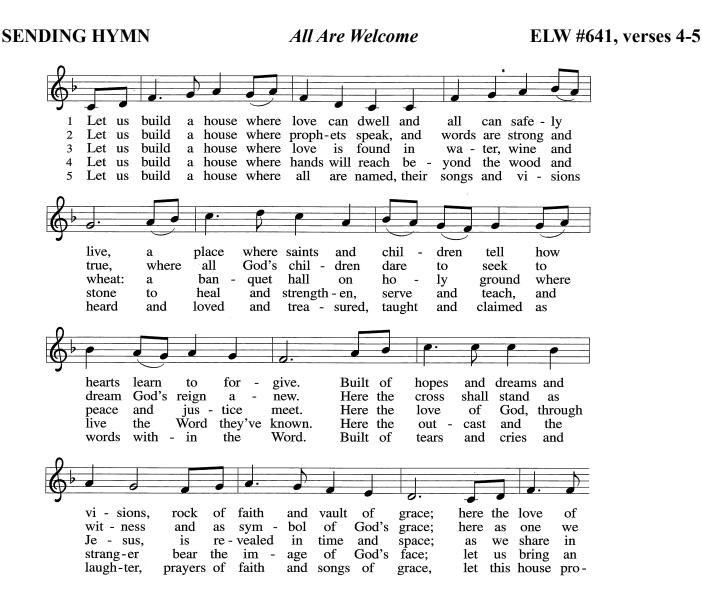
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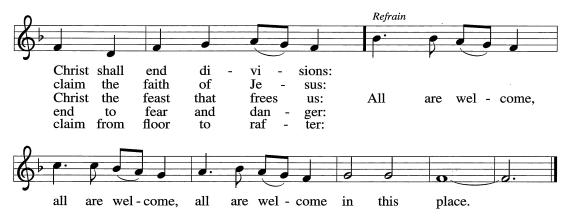
- A Let us pray. We give thanks to you, God of mercy and love. We thank you for the nourishment that sustains our living spirits. We ask that you guide us and bless us on our journey to strive for peace, justice, and wholeness for all. In the sacred name of the redeemer, we pray.
- C Amen.

BLESSING

- P The God of creation bless and claim you.
 - The Savior give you peace and wholeness.
 - The Holy Spirit guide you and lead you to mercy + and justice.
- C Amen.

+ SENDING +





DISMISSAL

A Made in God's image, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

In consideration for those who wish to remain for the postlude, those who depart are invited to do so quietly.



TODAY'S RIC SERVICE

This service, *Created Whole* is a worship experience cultivated by Rev. A.J. Houseman (she/her) in partnership with ReconcilingWorks. Pastor A.J. is the called pastor and host of the podcast TEN FOOT POLE: Conversations about the Uncomfortable Bible. Pastor A.J. loves to talk about the Bible and how through learning its original languages and contexts, we can fully live into our calling from God as whole, loving, and unique children of God. She has a degree in finance and economics from the University of Northern Iowa and a masters of divinity from United Lutheran Seminary. She has served in various ministries in Iowa, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. She currently lives in Summerville, South Carolina with her wife, Carley, and their daughter, Finley.

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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offering Income received JANUARY 2023

01/01/23 \$ 1,750.00 01/08/23 \$ 1,550.00 electronic \$ 2,544.75 **Total** \$ **5,844.75**

Thank you for your gifts which support God's mission at Peace, in the larger community, and internationally through the ELCA

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Next Sunday, the Creation Care Team will ask you to endorse a multi-year Action Plan to care for creation. This is a big step for our newest Arena of Ministry. Please prepare by reviewing the plan document. You can find it at https://www.peacelutheranseattle.org/?p=5116 We posted the CCT annual meeting presentation there, too, in case you'd like to preview it.

Pray for Creation: We pray that we remember and respond to the needs of our South Park neighbors still suffering from last month's Duwamish River flooding and for the critical work of the Duwamish River Community Coalition.

ELECTIONS FOR CHURCH COUNCIL COMING UP

Would you like to serve as a member of our congregation's Church Council? There are leadership positions on the Council opening up in January. The council meets once a month to support our ongoing mission, including the discussion of budgets, policies, and the operations of the church. Church council members are the governing body of the church in between congregational meetings. They work as liaisons between the council and all the church committees and ministry teams. The council is comprised of a group of individuals who work hard to maintain a positive, Christian experience for everyone who attends Peace Lutheran Church. **We need you!** If you are interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a church council member please contact Kathleen Keyes, Magnus Cole, Donna Kehle, Marcia Olson, Chris Kindem, or Kathleen Keyes. Nominees must have been a member of Peace for 1 year. Elections take place at the Annual Meeting on January 29th. There is also an opening in the Audit Committee.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 29, 2023

Sunday, January 29, is our Annual Congregational Meeting. Please add it to your calendar! To help make the day more manageable for families with younger kids there will be no education hour that day and the worship service will be shortened. The Safe Opening Task Force will make a decision regarding the possibility of including a potluck by mid-January. Following are some key dates to keep in mind as the day approaches.

- JANUARY 24 Bulletin of Reports for Annual Meeting will be emailed.
- **JANUARY 29** –Annual Meeting.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023

are available on the table in the narthex.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: Sick/Recovering: Ferol Allison; Kathy Anderson; Joyce Bitner; Peggy Craigen; Vonda Cuchine; Marsha Davis; Zach Debelak; Gavriella DeBoer; Roni Edwards; Mark Engelman; David Escame-Hedger; Deena Fuller; Jack Garrison; Nathaniel Gibson; Dawn Gringorten; Donna Heiland; Tim Herriford; Vickie Jarvimaki; Ken Keyes; Ford Kindem; Mike Larson; Dee Levy; Jan Madsen; RaeAnn Marrelli; Maya Marshall; Lynn McCracken; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Steve Metzler; Jim Meyer; Bill Morrell; Bill Nandor; JoAnn Nandor; Larry Nelson; Nora; Marianne Paulos; Paul Paulos; Michelle Pierce; Elaine Ross; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Kadi Sue Sprengle; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Conrad Tollefson; Wade & Karin VanSant; Judy Wiggins; Inge Williams; Elwood Wunder; Patti Wunder; Arash Zare; Ayman Zare; Audrey Zemke.

Homebound: Jim Baker; Connie Benjamin; Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell

PROTOCOL FOR PRAYER LIST We will keep people on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise specified or unless you contact the Peace office to extend the time.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and



brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society.

As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual

orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.

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