

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 25, 2024



TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME

—Mark 8:33

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lent 2

February 25, 2024

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

#881 ELW



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

THIS IS THE FEAST

I: Women II: Men

Setting 4, WOV



I This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. **II** Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



I This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: **II** Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and



might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men

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☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I
II For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Holy Words. Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Holy Words. Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

Before the reading: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But

turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

You Are Mine

#581 ELW



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.




You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*
 all will know my name. *To refrain*
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*

Refrain



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by
 name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I
 love you and you are mine." *To stanzas 3 and 4*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us O God. Your mercy is great.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

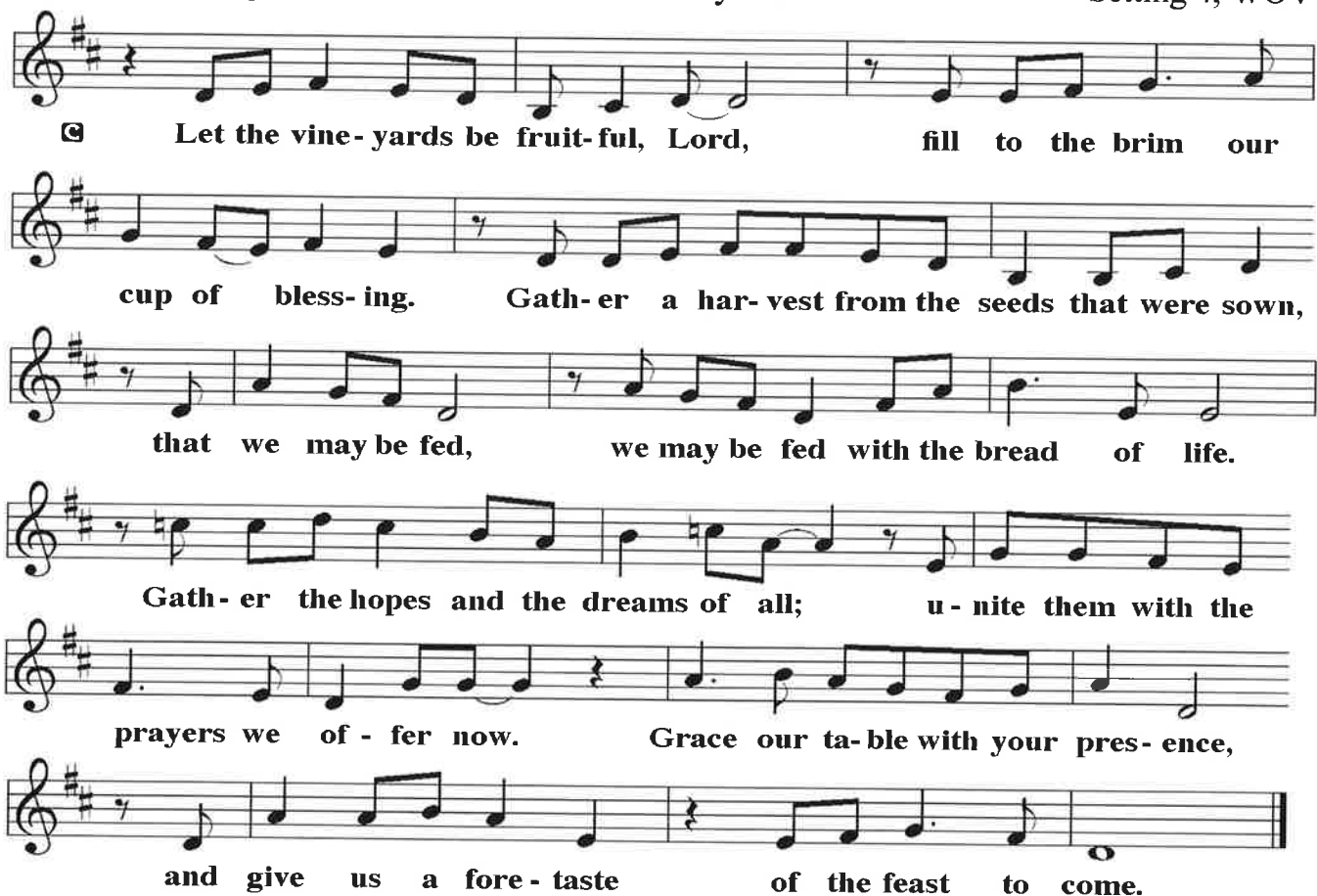
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering Music

Offertory singing

Let the Vineyards

Setting 4, WOV



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our
 cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,
 that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the
 prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,
 and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution (In the night he was betrayed...)

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on Earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Distribution

Singing during Communion

Lamb of God

The musical notation consists of five systems, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The first system begins with a common time signature (C) and a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy." The second system has a 7/8 time signature and the lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy." The third system has a common time signature and the lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace."

COMMUNION HYMN

As the Grains of Wheat

#465 ELW

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
 all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

In the Singing

#466 ELW

1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
 2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,
 in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
 in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,

Refrain

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;
 Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

We Are Called

#720 ELW



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Serve your neighbor! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

Assisting Minister

March 3 — Thom Eaton
 March 10— Mark Johnson

Lector

March 3 — Thom Eaton
 March 10— Mark Johnson

Altar Preparation

March 3 — Amy Sigmar
 March 10— Serena Severance & Tom McIntosh

Counters

March 3 — Ralph Hendrickson
 March 10— John Valiton

Coffee Hour Hosts

March 3 — Valinda & Lyle Morse
 March 10— Mahsa Sohli

Ushers

March 3 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner
 March 10— Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

This Week at MLC

Sunday, February 25

8:15am Worship Service
 8:30am Atrium
 10am Worship Service

Tuesday, February 27

9am Bible Study, Zoom
 9am Quilting
 7pm Magnolia Big Band

Wednesday, February 28

7pm Art & Faith Zoom

Thursday, February 29

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, March 1

8pm AA Speakers Meeting,

Sunday, March 3

8:15am Worship Service
 8:30am **NO Atrium**
 10am Worship Service



ALTAR FLOWERS

Every Saturday Ballard Blossom delivers a beautiful bouquet of flowers to put at the bottom of the cross in the sanctuary for Sunday's service.

Have an anniversary coming up, or a birthday? Graduation? If so, consider sponsoring the flowers one Sunday and you will receive a mention in the bulletin. You may even request special colors or types of flowers which they will accommodate, assuming they are in season. The cost is \$75. There are no flowers during Lent but you can still sign up for any of the Sundays following!



QUILTING IS BACK!!



Tuesday is quilting day at MLC. We meet from 9:00 - 12:00, but come when you can and leave when you must. Most Tuesdays are spent matching tops to back covers. On the last Tuesday of each month we bring them all together to be hand tied. If you can thread a needle and use a pair of scissors you will be welcomed with open arms and a cup of coffee. If you have questions, please talk to Susan Dively or Valinda Morse. You may also contact the church office.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT MLC

There are many volunteer opportunities at Magnolia Lutheran. If you are interested in helping with any of the following, please contact Pastor Kevin or MLC's parish administrator, Nancy.

Usher/Closing—Hand out bulletins, direct people to the front for communion and pass the offering plate. Two weeks in a row, approximately every 4 weeks or so. Locking down the building after the coffee hour is also the usher's responsibility.

Counter—Work with the parish administrator to count and document the incoming cash and checks after the 10am service. Generally you would be needed one or two times a month.

Altar Guild—Prepare the altar for communion before and after the 8:15am services. Help with holiday decorations and help polish the brass once or twice a year.

Lector—Read the lessons on Sundays at the 10am service.

Assisting Minister—Assist Pastor Kevin with running the service. Help with communion, read the prayers of the people, etc. PK will guide you.

Sound—Running the sound board and getting the mics out for Pastor Kevin and the assisting minister. Monitor the sound during the 10am service.

Live Stream—MLC live streams the 10am service. This is probably the most pressing volunteer position to fill. **We currently only have one person to do the sound and the live stream so we really need volunteers for these two jobs.**



Please Remember In Prayer

Donna Hegstrom
Dave Larson
Family of Don Goertzen
Family of Bob McIntosh
Family of Pauline McIntosh
Gail Hendrickson
Kelly and Linda Kellenberger
Heidi Carpine
Rick Dagg (friend of the Nagys)
Family of Susan Engquist (sister of Jennifer Kroeger, aunt to Katherine and Kasey Kroeger).
Sandy Bennis
Frank Edmondson
Karla Lefferson
Merlin Cavender
Kathleen Rowan
Beverly Larson
Josh Kelly
Andrew Tucker
Bryce Yerkes (friend of the Longs)

If we have inadvertently removed someone whom you wish to remain on the list or if you wish to add someone new, please contact the church office..

Last Week's Attendance

8:15AM — 18
10:00AM — 43

SOME THINGS HAPPENING AT MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN

INNER CALM

- A Christian Meditation for Health and Well-Being
- An online experience of prayer
- Weekly meetings, Tuesdays at 7pm

LIFE IN THE HOLY LAND

- The Complex Backstory of our Jewish, Muslim and Christian Neighbors in Israel and Palestine
- A Three Week Class and Discussion beginning on Sunday, February 11.
- We will gather on Sunday at 11:45am in the new church library.

OUR PLAN FOR A NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

The Council is working on defining the scope of the job description for the new musician. Once the job description is approved, it will be posted and circulated. A task force from our church will interview musicians and make a recommendation to the Council. The Council will then extend an offer letter to the identified candidate.

ART AND FAITH: OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Come along and let your faith encounter art – and let art encounter your faith. Discussions will happen online on Wednesday evenings. Field Trips will happen in person at local art museums. Be sure to catch the class: The Art at Magnolia Lutheran Church. Look at your weekly updates for a schedule of events!

FROM LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES

Dear Pastor Kevin & Friends at Magnolia Lutheran Church,

Thank you for transforming lives through your congregation's generous gift from the proceeds of your annual Swedish pancake breakfast supporting health, justice, and hope for LCS Northwest clients. Pancakes are prosperous!! As we reflect back on last year, we are so grateful for your commitment to serving your neighbors. Thanks to gifts like this, around the Puget Sound area in 2023:

LOOK!

- Over 12,000 families needing diapers, bus vouchers, school supplies, clothing, and nutritious food were served by our three Community Resource Centers
- At least 8,000 isolated seniors found connection and joy through our Aging and Independent Living programs across 12 counties
- 3,000+ immigrants and refugees received critical support building new lives, connecting to resources, and finding legal pathways to citizenship

That's a HUGE impact! Thank you for generating the gift of opportunity for your neighbors across Washington (and Oregon & Idaho).

Wishing your congregation a wonderful year ahead. Thank you for making 2024 brighter for so many.

In gratitude, Kelly, Senior Regional Advancement Manager, Lutheran Community Services

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Share your God-given gifts by giving generously

Options for sharing God's gifts:

- Sunday offering
- Estate planning, stock/bond gifts
- Online banking through your financial institution

Payee – Magnolia Lutheran Church
2414 31st Ave W, Seattle, WA 98199
Telephone – 206-284-0155

- Computer or smartphone
online giving:
⇒Credit, Debit, Checking account
⇒One-time or recurring gifts

Set up online giving on our website
www.MagnoliaLutheranChurch.com/give

MLC Has WiFi!

For those of you who may not know, MLC has wifi available for all who wish to use it! Select "MLC Guest" on your device, the password is:

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Financial Update

As of January 31, 2024

*Income — \$ 35,896

Expenses—\$ 32,636

*Includes some prepaid pledges

Congregation Council 2022-2023

Council Officers:

President -- Lyle Morse
Vice President -- Megan Hamshar
Secretary -- Robert Bergeron
Treasurer -- Dwight Dively
Financial Secretary -- Alice Pease

Council members:

The year listed is when the member's term ends, in June.

Audit Committee

Victoria Watson (2024)

Columbarium Committee

Robert Bergeron (2025)

Fellowship Committee

TBD

Finance Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

Nominating Committee

TBD

Personnel Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

Property Committee

Johnny Searle (2025)

Social Action Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

Lyle Morse (2025)

Stewardship Committee

All Council

Worship & Music Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

Faith Formation

Cynthia Ubilla

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OUR CORE VALUES

- All are welcome here.
- Everybody does something.
- There is no minimum, or maximum, age for ministry.
- This is a safe place for all God's children.
- We are good stewards of God's creation.

Altar flowers—There will be no flowers during Lent.

SERVANTS TODAY

Musician — Lesley Moffatt

Assisting Minister — Anne Prouty

Lector — Anne Prouty

Ushers — Amy & Thor Sigmar

Altar Guild — Monica Scheiber

Counter — Noah Wittner

Audio— Johnny Searle

Live Stream—Aaron Stevens/Carson Ruegamer

Coffee Hour Host(s) — Amy & Thor Sigmar

Pastor — Kevin Bates

Parish Administrator — Nancy Searle

Caretaker — Mara Meloy

Ministers — All the Baptized Children of God

Affirmation of Welcome

Magnolia Lutheran Church is a place where everyone can find a welcoming, caring, friendly home. Here is a sanctuary filled with the love and grace of our Lord and modeled by our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We believe God's love is for everyone and so commit to provide inclusive acceptance, spiritual nourishment, inspiring kindness and a gracious and loving faith community.

We believe all of God's creations are holy and welcome to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service here. All people of every ability, race, family or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic condition and background belong here, **Reconciling In Christ**, as children of God.

All are beautiful as they are.
All are part of God's masterpiece.
All are loved as they are.
All are welcome here.

