



**June 26, 2022**  
**Pride Sunday**

**Prelude** "Toccata in E Minor" Johann Pachelbel  
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**Welcome**

**Opening Words: The Flames of Love** by Kimi Floyd Reisch, 2021

We light the flame of commitment,  
To stand with and work to create change,  
Until all know they are beloved.

We light the flame of survival,  
Grateful for our lives,  
Remembering in love those lost along the road.

We light the flame of change,  
Committing to recenter toward love,  
In hearts, in minds, in our world.

We light the flame of hope,  
Loving each other, building community,  
even when it is uncomfortable.

We light the flame of knowledge,  
Following the path of justice,  
Justice that is love embodied.

We light this flame of radical love.  
To speak out for those who have been silenced.  
Those who have been rejected for who they love.  
Those who have been persecuted for who they are.  
Those who have been bullied for daring to be bold.  
Those who have been othered and forced into the margins.  
Those who have been lonely.  
Those who have been hurt.  
Those who are still hurting.

We light this flame as  
a people committed,  
we are survivors.  
we will change the world,  
until no one lives without hope,  
until no one lives without justice.  
We light this flame and pledge that  
In love, with love, and through love,  
All things are possible.

### **Opening Hymn Binder #69 “New Patterns of Loving”**

**Prayer of Invocation** by *Jane Richardson Jensen*, *Patricia Harris-Watkins* in *She Who Prays: A Woman’s Interfaith Prayer Book*

GRACIOUS GOD, you chose a rainbow as a sign of hope for the future of humanity and life on Earth. We praise you for the way the atmosphere during or after rain works together to create something as beautiful and bright as a rainbow. Thank you for the reds, oranges, yellows, greens, blues, indigos, and violets of the arcs of color across the sky. We also appreciate the other colors of nature, the browns, blacks, whites, silvers, and golds. Like the colors all around us, may we reflect some small measure of the breadth of your Grace to others.  
Amen.

### **Opening Response Binder #70 “Fearfully Wonderfully Made”**

#### **Children’s Time**

**The Witness of Music** Zipporah Lee  
"We'll Build a World" David Lohman  
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#### **Readings:**

**Isaiah 55:8-12**

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Holy One.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

*“I have an inward treasure born with me, which can keep me alive if all extraneous delights should be withheld, or offered only at a price I cannot afford to give.”*  
— Charlotte Brontë (*Jane Eyre*)

*“When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time, they can seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall. Think of it—always.”*  
— Mahatma Gandhi

**For the wisdom contained in these holy words, we give thanks. Amen**

**Sermon** Rev. Dr. Wendy Bruner

**Hymn** Binder #71 “For All the Children”

### **Joys and Concerns**

#### **Prayer**

Creator, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kin-dom come, your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kin-dom, and the power,  
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### **How shall we join God’s work in the world?**

Gracious God, we give thanks and ask your blessings on the many and diverse gifts we bring to join you in your work in the world.

**Closing Hymn** Binder #72

**Benediction**

**Postlude** "Musette Session" Andrea Dow  
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