

# MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 1, 2023



In the beginning was the Word

— John 1:1

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Christmas 1

January 1, 2023

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Once Again My Heart Rejoices

David Cherwien

GATHERING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

#836 ELW



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

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.**

HYMNS OF PRAISE

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord

#286 ELW



1 Your lit - tle ones, dear Lord, are we, and  
 2 With songs we has - ten you to greet, and  
 3 Oh, draw us whol - ly to you, Lord, and  
 4 Un - til at last we too pro - claim, with



come your low - ly bed to see; en - light - en ev - 'ry  
 kiss the ground be - fore your feet. Oh, bless - ed hour, oh,  
 to us all your grace ac - cord; true faith and love to  
 all your saints, your glo - rious name; in par - a - dise our



soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.  
 sweet - est night that gave you birth, our soul's de - light.  
 us im - part, that we may hold you in our heart.  
 songs re - new, and praise you as the an - gels do.

Lord, Your Hands Have Formed

#554 ELW



1 Lord, your hands have formed this world, ev - 'ry part is shaped by  
 2 Yours the soil that holds the seed, you give warmth and mois - ture,  
 3 Like a mat you roll out land, space to build for us and



you— wa - ter tum - bling o - ver rocks, air, and sun - light:  
 too. Sprout - ing blos - soms, crops and buds, trees and plants: the  
 you earth - ly homes and, bet - ter still, homes for Christ: the



each day's signs that you make all things new.  
 sea - son's signs that you make all things new.  
 tru - est sign that you make all things new.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Blessed Mystery, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work and live in the light of the event that gives us joy—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

<sup>1</sup>For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die;

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

<sup>3</sup>a time to kill, and a time to heal;

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

<sup>4</sup>a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

<sup>5</sup>a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

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

<sup>6</sup>a time to seek, and a time to lose;

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

<sup>7</sup>a time to tear, and a time to sew;

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

<sup>8</sup>a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

<sup>9</sup>What gain have the workers from their toil? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. <sup>11</sup>He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup>I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; <sup>13</sup>moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

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

### PSALM: Psalm 8:1-9

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mind-ful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them? R

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor or you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth! R

## SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Morning has Broken

#556 ELW

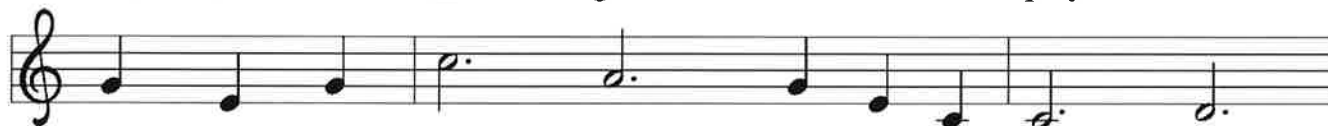


1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,

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black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

### GOSPEL: John 1:1-5

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

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

*After the reading:* **Praise to you, O Christ!**

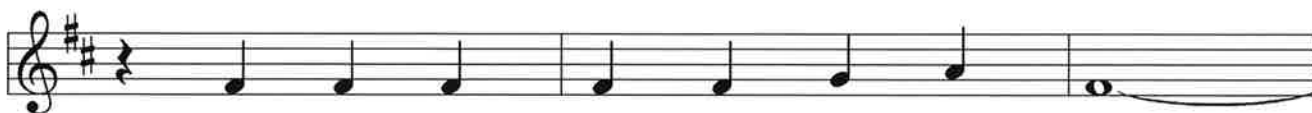
## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### SERMON

### HYMN

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

#726 Gather



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.

Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;  
 Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;  
 It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,  
*Last time to coda* ⊕

where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;  
 where there is dark - ness, . . . . . on - ly light;  
 in giv - ing of our - selves that we re

and where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.

<sup>2</sup>

3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so  
 much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be  
 un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be  
*D.C. (stanza 4) al coda*

loved as to love with all my soul.

⊕ *Coda*

ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God of Grace, hear our prayer.

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## OFFERING

Offering Music

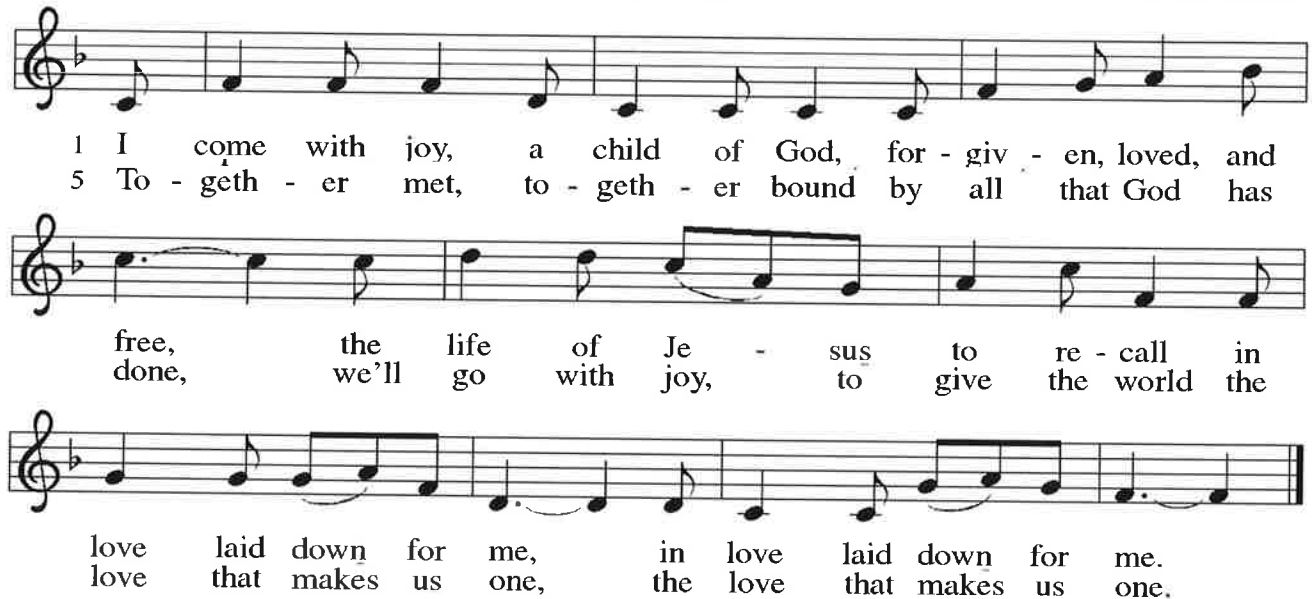
Thy Little Ones

Winston Cassler

Offertory Hymn:

I Come With Joy, vs. 1&5

#483 ELW



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has  
free, the life of Je - sus to give re - call in  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the  
love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

## CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Preface:* It is indeed our right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise.

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

### Lord's Prayer

**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

- *We trust in Christ's love and that Christ is present in this meal. All are invited to the Table. Come as you wish. The ushers will guide you by row.*
- *The pastor distributes the bread. Others will distribute wine and grape juice. At Magnolia Lutheran Church, we receive communion by intinction, which is the practice of dipping the bread into the chalice.*
- *Children are welcome at the Table. We invite parents to decide the best time for their children to receive communion. The pastor is available for a home visits and conversation about communion. Children who do not receive the bread and wine are invited to receive a blessing.*

## COMMUNION

Now the Silence

#460 ELW

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed

Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come

Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion

Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Here is Bread

#483 ELW



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,  
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,  
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,



he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine,  
 he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace,  
 he is with us. We'll pro - claim till he comes



Christ is with us here.  
 feast on Je - sus here.  
 Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

*Refrain*



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is



life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,



Christ is with us here.

**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! Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

Praise Be to You, Jesus Christ

Johann Walther



## CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONORS



Chris & Georgia Backman

In memory of our parents

Thom Eaton & Cheryl Gennoaios

In memory of family we have lost

Mary Farnham

In memory of Judy Ross

Amy & Maverick French

In honor of Casey French

The Greene Family

In memory of Peter Pusak

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Ralph & Gail Hendrickson

In memory of our parents, Helen & Earl  
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Cliff & Kay Kurtzweg

To the Honor and Glory of God

Tom McIntosh & Serena Severance

In honor of those fighting the good fight

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To the Honor and Glory of God

Yuri Sunbury

In memory of Russell Sunbury



Thank you to those who made donations in memory of family and loved ones, and to the Honor and Glory of God. Thank you to Donna Bergeron & Jenny Ruegamer for decorating the sanctuary. It looks stunning! And thank you to Amy Sigmar for the outdoor decorations. They look stunning as well! Thank you to anyone I might have missed!

## Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

### Assisting Minister

Jan 8 — Thom Eaton

Jan 15 — Serena Severance

### Lector

Jan 8 — Thom Eaton

Jan 15 — Serena Severance

### Altar Preparation

Jan 8 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

Jan 15 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

### Counters

Jan 8 — Ralph Hendrickson

Jan 15 — John Valiton

### Coffee Hour Hosts

Jan 8 — TBD

Jan 15 — TBD

### Ushers

Jan 8 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

Jan 15 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

## This Week at MLC

**Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day**

10am                  Worship Service

**Monday, January 2** Office Closed

**Tuesday, January 3** Office Closed

9am                    Bible Study

7pm                    Magnolia Big Band

**Wednesday, January 4**

4pm                    Confirmation Class

7pm                    Choir Practice

**Thursday, January 5**

11am                  Bible Study, in person

**Friday, January 6**

8pm                    AA Speakers Meeting



## THANK GOD FOR LITTLE THINGS

*Thank you, God, for little things  
that often come our way,  
The things we take for granted  
but don't mention when we pray,  
The unexpected courtesy,  
the thoughtful, kindly deed,  
A hand reached out to touch us  
in the time of sudden need—  
Oh make us more aware, dear God,  
of little daily graces  
That come to us with "sweet surprise"  
from never dreamed of places.*

*by:  
Helen Steiner Rice*

## INFO ON CHOIR AND SINGING WITH ANN

**Choir practice will begin again on January 4th and will meet every other Wednesday at 7pm.**

Bell Choir meets once a week for a few weeks prior to a scheduled performance.

If you like to make music but can't sing—give the bell choir a try! They play 4 or 5 times a year, practices happen a few weeks leading up to a performance.

Interested? Please contact MLC's music director, Ann Simonson, at [ajsimo@comcast.net](mailto:ajsimo@comcast.net).

**LOOK!**



## **Please Remember In Prayer**

Kathleen Rowan  
Donna Hegstrom  
Dave Larson  
Family of Don Goertzen  
Family of Bob McIntosh  
Pauline McIntosh  
Gail Hendrickson  
Lon Pilichowski (cousin of Nancy & Johnny Searle)  
Heidi Carpine  
Maxwell Penn and family (relative of the Ramseys)  
Rick Dagg (friend of the Nagys)  
Family of Dennis Branstetter (friend of the Nagys)  
Long Pham (friend of the Nagys)  
Family of Susan Engquist (sister of Jennifer Kroeger, aunt to Katherine and Kasey Kroeger).  
Sandy Bennis  
Family of Liz Roach  
Family of Joybelle Eriks (cousin to Russ)

*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.*

## QUILTING AND HAND WORK GROUPS HAVE UNITED!

The invitation for quilting and hand work is open! So come when you can and leave when you must. The decision was made to continue on the second Thursday of the month from 10am—2pm. Don't forget to bring a lunch! Coffee will be provided.

No need to RSVP—just show up!

**There was no quilting or handwork group work in December! Next meeting is TBD.**

**Questions?** Contact the office at 206-284-0155.

## ATRIUM HAS BEGUN!

The Atrium is Magnolia's Montessori-based faith formation program for children, located upstairs in the big education room. We welcome children starting at age 3.

Sessions for **all children** have started with a flexible start time beginning at 8:30am.

For more information or to register, please contact Marcia Bates at 206-604-7888.



## **Last Week's Attendance**

December 24 at 5pm — 121  
December 25 at 10am — 28

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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:

**TumbleRibs398**

(Not for use during church of course)

### Financial Update

As of November, 2022

\*Income — \$ 310,689

Expenses—\$ 323,823

\*Includes some prepaid pledges

## Congregation Council 2021-2022

### Council Officers:

President -- Robert Bergeron

Vice President -- Victoria Watson

Secretary -- Serena Severance

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

Kimberly Milham (2023)

#### Finance Committee

Serena Severance (2023)

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

#### Nominating Committee

Serena Severance (2023)

#### Outreach Committee

Olivia Massimiano (2023)

#### Personnel Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

#### Property Committee

Johnny Searle (2025)

#### Social Action Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

Lyle Morse (2025)

#### Stewardship Committee

All Council

#### Women of the ELCA

Kimberly Milham (2023)

Serena Severance (2023)

#### Worship & Music Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

#### Faith Formation

Olivia Massimiano (2023)

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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** today are given to the Glory of God and through donations from the congregation.

## SERVANTS TODAY

**Assisting Minister** — Mark Johnson

**Lector** — Mark Johnson

**Ushers** — Mike Olden

**Altar Guild** — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

**Counters** — Noah Wittner

**Audio**— Johnny Searle

**Live Stream**—Evan Kelly

**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — Pastor & Marcia Bates

**Pastor** — Kevin Bates

**Director of Music Ministry** — Ann Simonson

**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.

