

# MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 11, 2024



**And suddenly Elijah and Moses  
appeared, talking with Jesus**

—Mark 9: 4

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11, 2024

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Mark Hayes

GATHERING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

#834 ELW



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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



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



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



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



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



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



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



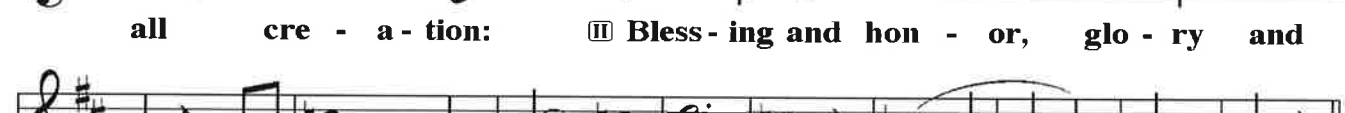
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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



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



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

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**C** 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.  
**C** 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

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through 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: 2 Kings 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho.

<sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on.

<sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” <sup>10</sup>He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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 9:2-9

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

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### SERMON



### HYMN

Dazzling Presence on the Mountain

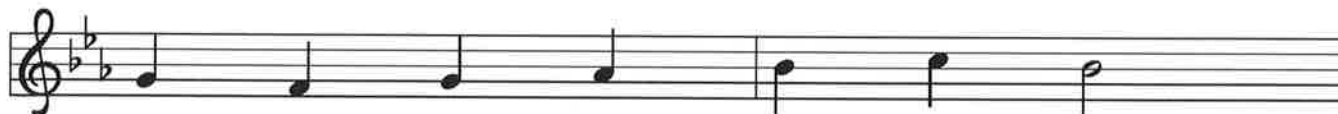
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1 Daz - zling pres - ence on the moun - tain: hu - man eye had  
2 From this mount of mys - tic splen - dor to the cross Christ  
3 From the heights of new cre - a - tion, Christ be - holds his  
4 Let our praise ring from each moun - tain, in - to deep - est



nev - er seen such a won - der, such re - splen - dence,  
press - es on; here no Mo - ses nor E - li - jah,  
world, re - deemed; as with Pe - ter and com - pan - ions,  
val - leys pour, where, with lives of grate - ful ser - vice,



heav'n and earth in cloud con - vene.  
 on - ly thieves Christ's wings a - dorn.  
 brings us now to sights un - seen.  
 we a - dore Christ ev - er - more.



"This is my Son, the be - lov - ed," thun - d'rous voice from  
 "Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy," was one's pen - i -  
 Jus - tice, mer - cy, and com - pas - sion: these the booths he  
 To the Son, God's own be - lov - ed, and the Spir - it



cloud ex - claimed. Word made flesh to heal cre - a - tion,  
 ten - tial sigh. With trans - fig - ur - ing as - sur - ance,  
 bids us build, that the earth he loves may flour - ish  
 end - less - ly, may the church's praise be lift - ed



to dis - ci - ples God pro - claimed.  
 Christ re - joins his fer - vent cry.  
 as each life with grace is filled.  
 to the bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace, receive our prayer.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering Music

All That We Have

Gary Ault

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

**☐** The Lord be with you. **☑** And al-so with you.  
**☐** Lift up your hearts. **☑** We lift them to the Lord.  
**☐** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**☑** 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:

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

**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.**

**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.**

**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Beautiful Savior

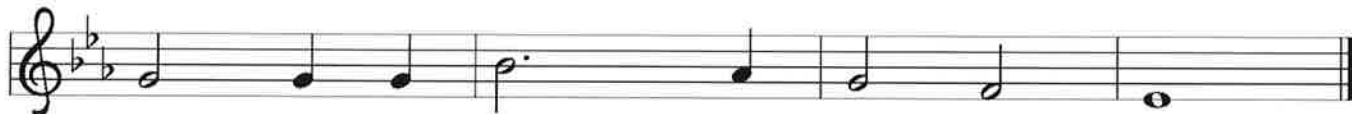
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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee,      tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er,      Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er,      Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or,      praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul,      my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

### SENDING BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

To Be Your Presence

#546 ELW



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here,      to show com -  
 2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold,      to feed the  
 3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest,      to speak for  
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,      to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear,      to be your heart of mer - cy  
 poor and shel - ter home - less cold,      to be your hands of jus - tice,  
 all the bro - ken and op - pressed,      to be your voice of hope, your  
 peo - ple is our call and choice,      and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,  
 right up - hold,      al - le - lu - ia!  
 love ex - pressed,  
 church, re - joice,

### DISMISSAL

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

### POSTLUDE

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Jill Jackson & Sy Miller

## Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

### Assisting Minister

Feb 18 — Mark Johnson

Feb 25 — Thom Eaton

### Lector

Feb 18 — Mark Johnson

Feb 25 — Thom Eaton

### Altar Preparation

Feb 18 — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

Feb 25 — Monica Scheiber

### Counters

Feb 18 — John Valiton

Feb 25 — Noah Wittner

### Coffee Hour Hosts

Feb 18 — Lloyd W. Nordstrom Guild

Feb 25 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

### Ushers

Feb 18 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

Feb 25 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

## This Week at MLC

### Sunday, February 11, "Souper" Bowl of Caring

8:15am          Worship Service

8:30am          Atrium

10am            Worship Service

### Tuesday, February 13

9am             Bible Study, Zoom

9am             Quilting

7pm             Council Meeting

7pm             Magnolia Big Band

### Wednesday, February 14

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

### Thursday, February 15

7-9pm          AA, Fireside Room

### Friday, February 16

8pm             AA Speakers Meeting,

### Sunday, February 18

8:15am          Worship Service

8:30am          Atrium

10am            Worship Service



## SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

On February 18th, the Lloyd W. Nordstrom Guild for Children's Orthopedic Hospital will be hosting the coffee hour here at MLC after the 10am service. This is their way of thanking us for hosting the event they held last December, the Winterfest Marketplace.

Bring your appetites! These are some serious bakers!! They've asked that two 8' tables be set up for everything that they're making. Rumor has it that among the delectables being provided, there will be homemade cinnamon scones which will be warm, right out of the oven!!



## 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 Cavander  
Kathleen Rowan  
Roger Taber  
Josh Kelly

*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 — 10  
10:00AM — 45

# SOME THINGS HAPPENING AT MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN

## INNER CALM

- A Christian Meditation for Health and Well-Being
- An online experience of prayer
- Tuesdays at 7pm
- Weekly meetings beginning on January 23rd.

## ASH WEDNESDAY UPDATE

Our plans have changed. This year, we invite you to attend a local congregation on Ash Wednesday. At the bottom of this article you will find places and times for Ash Wednesday worship. The reason for this change is due to a common medical procedure that Pastor Kevin will undergo on Feb 14. As you may know, scheduling procedures is difficult, and often we need to adjust our plans. Thank you for understanding.

Ascension Episcopal, Magnolia, 12noon  
Queen Anne Lutheran, 12noon & 7:30pm  
Phinney Ridge Lutheran, 12noon & 6pm

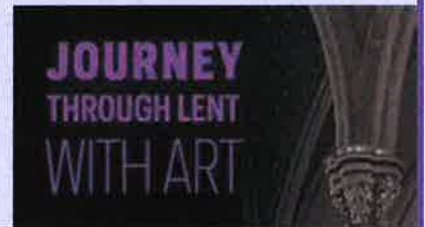
**IMPORTANT!!**

## 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.

## 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!



## OUR PLAN FOR A NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

First, we honor and thank our musician, Ann Simonson, for 27 years of music and for sharing her gracious spirit.

The Council is working on defining the scope of the job description for the new musician. As of this writing, we do not have a date for when the job description will be posted. Much will be determined by the budget that the congregation adopts at the congregational meeting today. Third, 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.

## “SOUPER” BOWL OF CARING 2024

February 11th is the Super Bowl, it is also the Souper Bowl of Caring where communities unite to help tackle hunger. That Sunday you will see some of MLC’s youth standing in the narthex with soup pots or something to drop some coins or bills into. Over \$3,976,950.00 was raised through this event in 2023!



**TODAY!!**

# 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**

## Financial Update

As of December 31, 2023

\*Income — \$ 358,773

Expenses—\$ 371,465

\*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** today are given to the  
Glory of God .

## SERVANTS TODAY

**Musician** — Sean Connors

**Assisting Minister** — Serena Severance

**Lector** — Serena Severance

**Ushers** — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

**Altar Guild** — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

**Counter** — Noah Wittner

**Audio**— Johnny Searle

**Live Stream**—Aaron Stevens & Carson Ruegamer

**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — Ronnie Beckerleg & Jeanne Moussette

**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.

