

Charlotte Pride Interfaith Service

Selfless Love and Compassion

Prelude

All Glory Be to God on High, BWV 664, J.S. Bach
Rob Dicks,
Organist

Welcome

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD.,
Senior Minister, St. John's Baptist Church

Matt Comer and Riley Murray,
Charlotte Pride

Music

O for a World
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Chalice Hymnal No. 683, verses 1, 3, & 5

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that
opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Speaker

Wes Isley,
Pagan Community

Speaker

Eve Stevens,
Unitarian Universalist Community of Charlotte

Love Offering

Dustin Crites,
Charlotte Pride

This year's love offering is being directed toward the Charlotte Pride Community Relief Program, which offers direct emergency financial assistance grants of up to \$500 to those LGBTQ people navigating unemployment or houselessness. Donations may be online at <https://charlottepride.org/donate/> using the "one-time donation" link.

Interfaith Worship Songs

We Stand with Love
by Lenora Rand
Dawn Anthony, soloist

We've all been hurt and yes, we feel confused
So much is wrong but is there anything we can do?
Where is the hope? When there's just so much pain
So much is broken, can it be whole again?
We can just sit in this place and long for better days.
We can just sit in this place, alone.
Or we can stand, we can stand together with love.

We stand, we stand, we're gonna stand with love
We're gonna stand with love
We stand, we stand, we're gonna stand with love
We're gonna stand with love

Let us not sit in judgement or only bow in prayer
Let us not leave in anger or stay in our despair
Let us not sit in judgement or only bow in prayer
Let us not leave in anger or stay in our despair
But by the grace of God, let us stand together in love

We stand, we stand, we're gonna stand with love
We're gonna stand with love
We stand, we stand, we're gonna stand with love
We're gonna stand with love

All Belong Here
by Hannah Rand
J. Kevin Gray, soloist

When you're not sure who you really are
When all you feel is the shape of your scars
And you have more wounds than you can count
Open your eyes look all around
You aren't alone this is your home

Chorus
Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here

When you don't know how to forgive
When locked doors seem like the only way to live
And you've got more questions than you can count
Open your eyes look all around
You aren't alone this is your home

Chorus

At this table come as you are
Broken and bleeding's ok
At this table eat and be filled
Come and drink in this grace

Chorus

Speaker and Conversation

Mohammed Jibriel & Noah Goldman,
Muslim-Jewish Interfaith Initiative

Keynote Speaker

Rev. Clifford Matthews Jr.,
Senior Pastor, St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church

Interfaith Worship Song

Draw the Circle Wide
Words and music by Gordon Light

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still,
Let this be our song: no one stands alone standing side by side.
Draw the circle wide.

God the still point of the circle round whom all creation turns
Nothing lost, but held together in God's gracious arms.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still,
Let this be our song: no one stands alone standing side by side.
Draw the circle wide

Let the dream we dreamed be larger than we ever dreamed before;
Let the dream of God be in us, open every door.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still,
Let this be our song: no one stands alone standing side by side.
Draw the circle wide

Closing Remarks

Dr. Foust

Postlude

And the People Respond – Amen!, Daniel Locklair
Rob Dicks,
Organist

Charlotte Pride has provided flowers for today's Interfaith Service as a gesture of gratitude and thanks to the congregation and staff of St. John's Baptist Church and in loving memory of all those in the local LGBTQ community who we have lost in the past year.



About Charlotte Pride:

Charlotte Pride is the leader in LGBTQ visibility in Charlotte and the Carolinas. Charlotte Pride presents and collaborates on programs, projects, and activities, including the annual Charlotte Pride Festival and Parade, Charlotte Latinx Pride, Charlotte Trans Pride, Charlotte Women's Pride, Charlotte Pride Interfaith Programs, and Reel Out Charlotte, The Queen City's Annual LGBTQ Film Festival, among others. Since its founding in 2000, Charlotte Pride has expanded its year-round programming and partnerships to better connect community members with its mission, vision, and values. Charlotte Pride is now one of the largest LGBTQ Pride organizations in the American Southeast.

Grounded firmly in the history of the LGBTQ Liberation Movement sparked by the June 1969 Stonewall Riots & Uprising, Charlotte Pride is the modern heir of Pride events and activities in Charlotte tracing back to the 1970s and early 1980s. After a series of Pride or Pride-like events in the '80s and 90s' organized by various groups, Charlotte Pride was founded in 2000 and hosted its first annual Charlotte Pride Festival in 2001. Since 2011, Charlotte Pride's largest annual event has been held in the heart of Uptown Charlotte and an annual parade was introduced in 2013. Over the past decade, the annual event has grown from approximately 10,000 visitors to 200,000 visitors, becoming the largest LGBTQ celebration of its kind in the Carolinas and the city's largest annual parade. Charlotte Pride has also grown its year-round programs, supported by its growth from an all-volunteer leadership team to a growing mix of dedicated board members, volunteers, and full-time staff. Charlotte Pride is a proud member of The International Association of Pride Organizers (InterPride, the U.S. Association of Prides, and Prides of the Southeast.

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