

PANCAKE PRIDE

ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION

ON GADIGAL LAND

always was, always will be

Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras) - 21 February 2023

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Welcome to Pitt Street Uniting Church

This is a place of welcome for all people regardless of race, sex, creed, age, cultural background, sexual orientation, gender identity or intersex status.

Wherever you are on your faith journey,
wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to,
whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome here.
All we ask for is mutual respect.

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Gen Bryant

followed by Taizé chants - led by Trish Watts

WELCOME TO COUNTRY (Metropolitan Land Council)

OPENING SONG – Let Us Build a House (All are Welcome) *(selected verses)*

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *All are welcome...*

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *All are welcome...*

CALL TO WORSHIP response: **Alleluia!** *(sung to Taize chant)*

GREETINGS & INTRODUCTION

THANKSGIVING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

KEYNOTE PRAYER FOR SYDNEY WORLDPRIDE

SONG Queerly Beloved

Queerly beloved, we have assembled,
Joining in wonder, singing in praise.
Lifting our eyes, raising our voices,
Trusting in hope, in love, and in faith.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, God is great.

Queerly beloved, we have been hated,
Treated as outcasts, ragged and rough.
Still we persist, joyous and grateful,
Trusting that grace is ever enough.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, God is love.

Queerly beloved, we have discovered
 Love that is perfect, ending our fear.
 There is a truth waiting to claim us.
 There is a call so strong and so clear.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, God is here.

PRAYERS OF LAMENT response: **Kyrie Eleison** (*sung to Taize chant*)

AFFIRMATION OF GRACE & NEW LIFE

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

SONG For everyone born (alternative version, selected verses)

For all who share life, a place at the table,
 revising the roles, deciding the share,
 with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
 for all who share life, a system that's fair,
 *and God will delight when we are creators
 of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
 yes, God will delight when we are creators
 of justice, justice and joy!*

For all who have breath, a place at the table,
 a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
 a rainbow of race and gender and colour,
 for all who have breath, the chalice of grace,
 and God will delight...

READING – from the Hebrew Scriptures (a portion of Psalm 139)

SONG

READING – from the Gospel of Matthew chapter 5 verses 1-12

REFLECTIONS

SONG Sing Loud and Proud

Sing loud and proud, God loves us all,
 Created wonderfully.
 Let each live out our call to life
 And all our beings thrive. And all our beings thrive
 And Love, and all our beings thrive.

Sing queer and straight: blessed and diverse!
 We each show forth God's face.
 Let all bear light, peace, faith, and hope,
 And care and mercy show. And care, and mercy show
 And Love, and care, and mercy show

Sing high and low, in joyful praise:
A rainbow full of grace.
Let every form shine forth with strength,
And truth and justice share. And truth and justice share,
And Love, and truth, and justice share

CALLS TO ACTION

SONG

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Sung Response: *Kindle a flame to lighten the dark, and keep all fear away (x2)*

BLESSING

CONCLUDING SONG We Are A Rainbow

We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill,
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light,
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel any more,
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.

*We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.*

We're a coat of many colours, sewn from many different threads,
Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,
God said "Let there be light", created every varied shade,
In the rainbow each of us can find a place.

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace...

We are hope to still believe in tomorrow's better day,
We are peace in a world that's torn apart,
We are joy that will last in all the struggles that we face,
We are love that blooms and grows in every heart.

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace...

When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone,
For our God will be with us on the way,
Hand in hand, side by side, we won't be frightened any more,
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day.

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace...

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