

Verse 3: O to grace how fierce and faithful, breaking chains of fear and shame; healing wounds from church and culture, speaking life in love's own name. Bind us now to one another, make us strong and make us brave; send us out to live Your welcome, love more boldly, wide as grace.

### Benediction

Postlude: "Toccatina on "Ode to Joy" - Paul Fey

### Happening This Week

-Monday, June 8: Session Meeting, 7pm

-Wednesday, June 10: Bible Study, 10am

-Thurs, June 11: Blanket Tying for Family Promise of WNY, 1pm

-Sunday, June 14: Community Engagement Meeting, 8:45am

-Sunday, June 14: Worship & Music Meeting, 11am

### In Your Prayers

-Angelo Polisano, Bill Larson, Michelle Parrish & Family, Tom Best, Marcia Siebert, those who are hungry and without food, Peace in our community, our country and our world.

### This and That & Upcoming Events

-On Thursday, June 11 Cathy Dechert is asking for volunteers to help her tie blankets for Family Promise of WNY.

You can meet her up on the third floor at 1pm!

-The Community Engagement team will be meeting on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am. We would love to grow the group!

If you're new to the church or just new to the committee, we would love to have you!

-Community Engagement is collecting boxed macaroni and cheese for the month of June for FISH!

The flowers in the sanctuary are given with thanks to God by the Coleys!

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# June 7, 2026

# Pride Sunday



Rev. Jesse Larson, Pastor

Brad Meholick, Music Director

Mike Boldt, Liturgist

Tim Wirth, Organist

A warm welcome to all visitors! Please join us for refreshments after the service!

Large print hymnals are available upon request!



## Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “Jesus bleibet meine Freude” - JS Bach

Call to Worship:

We gather this Sunday morning to give thanks for the gift of the grand diversity of this world and our lives.

**We are grateful for the gift of our lives and the gift of others in our lives.**

We proclaim that God made us in God’s divine image; we are loved and made good!

**Each of us is created with dignity and worth.**

We are called to love each other and to do nothing to others that we would find hateful to ourselves.

**We honor the many ways that people live and love.**

We welcome and affirm all people, striving to love like Jesus.

**As Pride Month begins, may we especially work to build a community where LGBT people are celebrated as full and equal members, recognizing their many gifts.**

The dream of building the Kingdom of God is alive!

**Be with us now in our worship, and fill us all with your Spirit and your love!**

Hymn: “Let Us Build a House”

Prayer of the Day

Passing the Peace:

The peace of Christ be with you – **and also with you.**

Song of Praise: “Come and Rest”

Sharing our Praises and Concerns:

Lord, in your mercy/with thanksgiving – **hear our prayer**

Special Music: “You’ll Be Alright, Kid” - Alex Warren

New Testament Reading: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

## Sermon

Hymn: “God of Our Life” - Hymnal, n. 275

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Doxology: Hymnal, n. 593 (Avery and Marsh version)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion:

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 offer our thanks and praise.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Communion Hymn: “All Things Bright and Beautiful” Hymnal, n. 267 (*We’ll sing a couple of verses as we receive the elements*)

Hymn: “Come Thou Fount of Endless Welcome”

–Rev. David Wheeler

Verse 1: *Come, Thou Fount of boundless welcome, tune our hearts to sing Your grace; every life and every story finds in You a sacred place. Streams of mercy, never ceasing, flow through those once cast aside; in Your love we claim our stories- fear and shame no longer hide.*

Verse 2: *We were told that we were different, we were named as less-than, wrong; still Your Spirit moved among us, whispering, “You still belong.” You have called us, claimed, and known us, blessed the truth we could not hide; in Your image, all reflected– each beloved, dignified.*