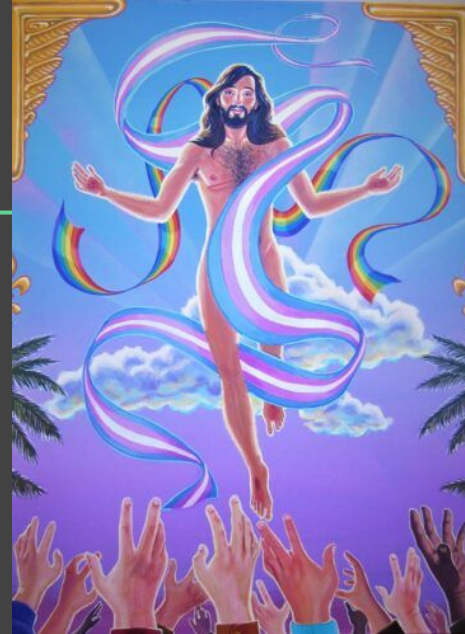


Welcome to the Rochester Area AWAB Annual Pride Service

Presented By:

First Baptist Church of Brockport
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“The Ascension
of Queer Christ”

Guy James
Whitworth

Centering Words

- In a world that often fears what it does not understand, perhaps our calling is to become people who marvel. To stand before the diversity of God's creation with the same reverence we bring to a sunrise or a star-filled sky. To recognize in our [queer], transgender, and non-binary siblings not person[s] to be judged, but a breathtakingly beautiful reflection of the God whose creativity knows no bounds.

Call to Worship - Brockport Baptist Church

One: Gather us in, O God, we who are a grand spectrum of your children,

All: Prisms that catch your light with furtive wanting and give it back in a variety of blended hues.

Two: Gather us in, O God, as dancing colors of a rainbow in the sky,

All: For our very being is in fulfillment of your promise.

Gathering Prayer - Brockport Baptist Church

One: God of wild love and extravagant acceptance...Spirit of boldness and beauty...You are faithfully present in both the grit and glitter of life, and you are present here with us now.

Two: Awaken us to your dream for creation: A world in which every member of the human family is free to flourish however you have made them.

One: Forgive us for the moments we have held back your ever-flowing current of love, dignity, and justice.

Two: Remake us into a people eager to see you in the faces, bodies, and expressions of all people.

Gathering Prayer - Brockport Baptist Church

One: Remind each of us to step out of the shadows of our lives and shine fearlessly and courageously.

Two: Ignite the Divine Light within us to sparkle through the prism of our bodies and brighten every corner of this Earth.

All: Holy One, You call each of us beloved. Each of us cherished. Each of us desired. Each of us sacred. And so, we give you thanks now and forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn - Sing a New World Into Being

Sing a new world into being.

Sound a bold and hopeful theme.

Find a tune for silent yearnings.

Lend your voice and dare to dream:

Opening Hymn - Sing a New World Into Being

Dream a church where all who worship

Find their lives and loves belong.

Sing a new world into being.

Sing as Christ inspires your song!

Opening Hymn - Sing a New World Into Being

Sing a new world into being
Where each gender, class and race
Brings its rainbow gifts and colors
To God's limitless embrace;

Opening Hymn - Sing a New World Into Being

Where the lines that once divided

Form instead the ties that bind.

Sing a new world into being:

Risk transforming heart and mind!

Opening Hymn - Sing a New World Into Being

Sing a new world into being
Where the homeless find a home;
Where no children ever hunger
But are filled with God's shalom;

Opening Hymn - Sing a New World Into Being

Where all people work for justice,
Where all hate and vengeance cease.

Sing a new world into being:
Raise the harmonies of peace.

Opening Hymn - Sing a New World Into Being

Sing a new world into being.

Join the ancient prophets' cry

For a time of health and plenty

When all tears have been wiped dry;

Opening Hymn - Sing a New World Into Being

When compassion flows like waters,

Pouring balm for all who grieve.

Sing a new world into being:

Live the promise you believe!

Prayers of the People - First Baptist Church of Rochester



"Higher Power" -
Patrick Dougher

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings - Lake Avenue Baptist

- Invitation to Giving
- Ministry of Music - Carl Galland and Samuel Baker
- Doxology (Old 100)
 - **Praise God, who cares for one and all; the rich and poor, both great and small; Grant us the grace to realize; we ALL are precious in God's eyes.**
- Blessing

Ancient Word: Genesis 1:26-28, 31 - Immanuel Baptist

26 Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

27 So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

31 God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Ancient Word: Acts 10:9-15 - Immanuel Baptist

9 About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray.

10 He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while it was being prepared he fell into a trance.

11 He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners.

Ancient Word: Acts 10:9-15 - Immanuel Baptist

12 In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air.

13 Then he heard a voice saying, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.”

14 But Peter said, “By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean.”

15 The voice said to him again, a second time, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.”

Closing Hymn - Quirky, Queer, and Wonderful

Quirky, queer, and wonderful,

Distinct, unique, and odd—

All of our humanity

Reveals the face of God.

Closing Hymn - Quirky, Queer, and Wonderful

No “normal” can encompass

Or comprehend the range

Of all the kinds of people

That God created strange!

Closing Hymn - Quirky, Queer, and Wonderful

Quirky, queer, and wonderful,

Distinct, unique, and odd—

All of our humanity

Reveals the face of God.

Closing Hymn - Quirky, Queer, and Wonderful

From Jesus we learn riddles;

He said the last are first

He tweaked received religion

With roles that he reversed.

Closing Hymn - Quirky, Queer, and Wonderful

Quirky, queer, and wonderful,

Distinct, unique, and odd—

All of our humanity

Reveals the face of God.

Closing Hymn - Quirky, Queer, and Wonderful

To Peter, God presented

Untouchable cuisine

And said “do not call dirty

What I declare is clean.”

Closing Hymn - Quirky, Queer, and Wonderful

Quirky, queer, and wonderful,

Distinct, unique, and odd—

All of our humanity

Reveals the face of God.

Closing Hymn - Quirky, Queer, and Wonderful

In Christ the false divisions
Of gender, class, and race,
Can never separate us
From God's abundant grace.

Closing Hymn - Quirky, Queer, and Wonderful

Quirky, queer, and wonderful,

Distinct, unique, and odd—

All of our humanity

Reveals the face of God.

Closing Hymn - Quirky, Queer, and Wonderful

The many parts that form us

Each serve a diff'rent role.

In Christ we are one body,

Made holy, good, and whole.

Closing Hymn - Quirky, Queer, and Wonderful

Quirky, queer, and wonderful,

Distinct, unique, and odd—

All of our humanity

Reveals the face of God.

Reflection on the Word - “Quirky, Queer, and Wonderful” - Rev Dr Rick Mixon



Tiarra Lucas/Sojourners

The Ordinance of Communion



Art for World Communion Sunday 2015

Communion Hymn - For Everyone Born

For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead.

Communion Hymn - For Everyone Born

For all who share life, a place at the table,
Revising the roles, deciding to share,
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
For all who share life, a system that's fair.

Communion Hymn - For Everyone Born

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! Joy!

Communion Hymn - For Everyone Born

For those we neglect, a place at the table,

A voice to be heard, a part in the song,

The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,

For those we neglect, the right to belong.

Communion Hymn - For Everyone Born

For all who have breath, a place at the table,

A covenant shared, a welcoming space,

A rainbow of race and gender and color,

For all who breath, the chalice of grace.

Communion Hymn - For Everyone Born

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! Joy!

Communion Hymn - For Everyone Born

For you and for me, a place at the table,
Though wounded and sore, with need to forgive,
In anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
For you and for me, a new way to live.

Communion Hymn - For Everyone Born

For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free.

Communion Hymn - For Everyone Born

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! Joy!

The Ordinance of Communion



Art for World Communion Sunday 2015

Closing Hymn - In the Midst of New Dimensions

In the midst of new dimensions,

In the face of changing ways,

Who will lead the pilgrim peoples

Wandering in their separate ways?

Closing Hymn - In the Midst of New Dimensions

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,

Leading where the eagles soar,

We your people, ours the journey

Now and ever, now and ever,

Now and evermore.

Closing Hymn - In the Midst of New Dimensions

Through the flood of starving people,

Warring factions and despair,

Who will lift the olive branches!

Who will light the flame of care?

Closing Hymn - In the Midst of New Dimensions

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,

Leading where the eagles soar,

We your people, ours the journey

Now and ever, now and ever,

Now and evermore.

Closing Hymn - In the Midst of New Dimensions

As we stand a world divided

By our own selfseeking schemes,

Grant that we, your global village,

Might envision wider dreams.

Closing Hymn - In the Midst of New Dimensions

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,

Leading where the eagles soar,

We your people, ours the journey

Now and ever, now and ever,

Now and evermore.

Closing Hymn - In the Midst of New Dimensions

We are man and we are woman,

All persuasions, old and young,

Each a gift in your creation,

Each a love song to be sung.

Closing Hymn - In the Midst of New Dimensions

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,

Leading where the eagles soar,

We your people, ours the journey

Now and ever, now and ever,

Now and evermore.

Closing Hymn - In the Midst of New Dimensions

SHould the threads of dire predictions

Cause us to withdraw in pain,

May your blazing phoenix spirit

Resurrect the church again.

Closing Hymn - In the Midst of New Dimensions

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,

Leading where the eagles soar,

We your people, ours the journey

Now and ever, now and ever,

Now and evermore.

Thank You
for Joining
Us!

Happy Pride!

