

# RAINBOW DAY AT COVINA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Clergy: Rev. Lee Yates Musicians: Emily Morley  
Rev. Nora Jacob Bob Morley  
Zoom Host: Mica Stewart Callie Yates

♥ *Invitation to stand if you feel comfortable*

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**Prelude** Emily Morley

**Welcome** Jontan Cervantes, Church Moderator  
Rev. Lee Yates

**Passing the Peace** Kim McCormick  
As we gather, we greet each other, often using the traditional welcome, “the peace of Christ be with you” and the response, “and also with you,” but just a smile works. Either way, we are glad you are with us today.

**Paper People** Sierra Ruiz

**Introductions**

♥ **Hymn of Praise** *Joyful, Joyful* #2 (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

♥ **Invocation Prayer** Sandy Williams  
Lord of love, we celebrate the connections that unite us. We celebrate the gift of love as expressed in families of every type and size. We celebrate the gift of love expressed a cross a wide spectrum of life. We celebrate the gift of love expressed in communities of faith and support. We celebrate love, in all its shapes and forms, especially your unconditional love that we know best through Jesus. Amen.

♥ **Gloria Patri**  
Glory to our Creator,  
and Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit– One.  
As it was in the beginning; is now, and ever shall be.  
World without end – Amen, Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

You are invited to share joys or concerns as you feel comfortable, and respond to those shared by others saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer** Rev. Nora Jacob

**Prayer Hymn** *There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* #261

**Scripture Readings** Rev. Kris Bergstrom,  
Acts 2:1-13 SCNC Conference Minister

**Sermon** “That’s a You Problem”

**Questions for Reflection**

Whose problems or biases are you busy solving?  
How can you unload biases and beliefs that are not yours?

**Special Music** *True Colors* Callie Yates  
-Steinburg and Kelly

**Invitation to Giving** Brenda McCall

**Offertory Music** *Rainbow Connection* Bob Morley  
-Williams and Ascher

♥ **Doxology**  
Praise God, from who all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, whose love we seek to show.  
Praise Holy Spirit – round us blow.  
Through each of these, may love be known.

♥ **Prayer of Blessing** Mary Dickenson

God, we ask your blessing on these gifts, and also on us. Give us wisdom as we share with those in need, provide a safe place for those who need comfort, and speak out against injustice. May we use these gifts to build a world that is welcoming of all your people and follow our offering with acts of service and compassion, that our lives might also be offerings of love to you. Amen.

**Invitation to Respond** Pratima Dharm

**Hymn of Response** *Gather Us In (1,2, & 4)* #284

**Announcements** Mica Stewart and Serena Ruiz

♥ **Benediction** Rev. Lee Yates

♥ **Closing Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful (new lyrics on screen)* #2

**Postlude**

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**Join us for Lunch in Fellowship Hall (out the doors to your right) or stick around for more music.**  
**Exhibit space for community partners is open in the courtyard (out the doors o your left).**

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**Want to know more about how our Church responds to the commonly misused scripture in reference to human sexuality & identity?**

Select the “About” tab and select “LGBTQ+ Support” on our website

Check out the “LGBTQ+” Playlist on our YouTube Channel

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**Sundays at 10 am at Covina Community Church**  
[www.CovinaCommunityUCC.org](http://www.CovinaCommunityUCC.org)

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**Congregational Meeting on Nov. 13, following Worship.**  
**We will be voting on new bylaws and support policies.**

# **SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

Penny Lane Center

Support Solutions

Pomona Pride Center

Heritage Clinic

LA County Dept. of Mental Health

Therapeutic Play Foundation

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence

Equality CA

## **DONATIONS & SUPPORT**

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## **WHY HAVE A RAINBOW DAY?**

Open and Affirming are words that were put together to designate congregations that are “Open” to the LGBTQI2-S community, and “Affirming” of them (and all people) as children of God without any disclaimer. Covina Community Church has been “O&A” for 9 years, and recognizes that this is important, yet not enough. The Church’s historic role, from mistranslation of scripture to blatant hate speech, leaves Christians with a responsibility to heal wounds and reclaim Jesus’ message of world changing love and grace.

We must make up for our years of silence in the face of Church-sanctioned hate with advocacy, education, and intentional healing. In this congregation, that is expressed through a focus on trauma informed care, sharing personal stories, supporting each other’s growth, using our brains and hearts together in study of scripture, and speaking out against hurtful practices within the broader Christian community. It is this sense of mission that led us to create Rainbow Day. Thank you for participating in our story!

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## **COVINA COMMUNITY CHURCH**

The logo for Rainbow Day features the words "RAINBOW DAY" in a large, bubbly, sans-serif font. Each letter is filled with a vertical rainbow gradient, transitioning from red at the top to purple at the bottom. The letters have a slight 3D effect with a dark shadow on the right side.

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