

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*

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

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).

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

Sundays at 10 am at Covina Community Church
www.CovinaCommunityUCC.org

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

National Setting of the United Church of Christ

Donations from our Church Family and Community

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!

WWW.COVINACOMMUNITYUCC.ORG

COVINA COMMUNITY CHURCH

RAINBOW DAY

OCTOBER 30, 2022

WWW.COVINACOMMUNITYUCC.ORG