

Pride Sunday | June 9th

Radio Station: 87.9 FM

Unique gifts we share,
One body, diverse and free,
Pride in unity.

Prelude: “Vivace & Suite” by Scarlatti

Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing:

“There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.” **Amen.** Galatians 3:28

Call to Worship: *Based on Romans 12* (Kellyann)

Leader: When the world hates,

People: we are called to love.

Leader: When the world does evil,

People: We are called to do good.

Leader: We will not be conformed to the world’s pattern,

**People: but transformed by God’s call to do what is good,
and acceptable, and perfect.**

Leader: Let us worship this God who claims and transforms us!

***Opening Hymn:** *Now There Is No Male or Female* (scan)

Prayer of Confession: *Pastor Lori Keller Burns*

God, who made me in Your image...

...teach me to love myself as You love me.

...allow me to show that image to all.

...help me to see Your image in all I meet.
...teach me to cherish all Your creations.
...bless and protect all Your children.

***Passing the Peace**: (during the passing of the peace, children please come forward for a message and blessing.)

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with a honk of the horn and hand-sign of peace.

Children's Message & Blessing

Prayer for Illumination:

God who is Love, transform us. Open our hearts to celebrate diversity, practice genuine love, and live in harmony. Amen.

Sermon Text: Romans 12:1-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: The Gifts Of The Body

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

Prayers of the People by Mitch Leet:

Creating God, you crafted this world, our home. We thank you for this complex world with countless expressions of human life: identities, gender expressions, passions, interests, and abilities. Hear now our prayers of thanks.

Faithful God, You once walked in Eden at the time of the evening breeze, so close were you to your creation. You continue to walk with us. Your steadfast love has sought renewal through prophets, judges, royals, prostitutes, outcasts, and hated tribes. We thank You that when humanity failed, You remained faithful to relationship, covenant, and connection.

God of steadfast love, we thank You for Christ, born in strange, obscure, and wonder filled circumstances, where their first shelter was a manger. We thank you that Jesus reveals Your loving heart to all your children.

God of the prophets, we are grateful for all those who have planted seeds of hope and promise, believing that your love is broad enough for all peoples, nations, identities, gender expressions, and passions. We thank You for the promise of the day when all peoples will honor You and the God image each of us carries. We come to you with the cares, concerns, and worries of our hearts.

Restoring God, renew this creation and guide us to act in ways that preserve life, so that this planet may continue to be a sheltering place for seed bearing plants, fruit trees, water creatures, birds that fly, living creatures of every kind, and every nation, tribe, and people.

God of all lands, grant spacious places and welcoming homes in all nations regardless of orientation or gender expression.

God our faithful provider, we pray for our home nation. May we look beyond our tribes and communities and seek the interest of our neighbors. May welcome be experienced by all who shelter here.

God of every place, we pray for our local communities where schools and libraries have become battlegrounds. May we look at our differences with curiosity rather than judgment. In particular, we ask for safety and understanding for our transgender siblings.

God of covenant and community, may your church find unity within varied ways of honoring Christ. We pray for the Reformed Church in America and denominations as we struggle to find a faithful way forward. We ask that You grant Room for All's place within its future until that day when "justice rolls down like water and righteousness like a stream."

**Hear us as we pray,
Our Loving God in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
Your kin-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now
and forever. Amen.**

***Offertory & Sending Hymn:** *All The Colors of the Rainbow*

***Charge & Blessing**

***Postlude:** ABBOT'S LEIGHT by Lovelace

June Calendar Reminders:

- Tues, 11th – Consistory
6 - 7:30PM
- Thu, 13th – Hot Dogs in Clee Park
11:30 AM - 1 PM
- Sun, 16th – Father's Day
10 AM – Ian Leet Preaching
- Sun, 23rd – Installation of Office Bearers
10 AM
- Tues, 23rd – WMA Meeting
6:30 PM – Iteke Prins' home

July Calendar Reminders:

- Sun, 7th – Drive-In FOCUS Worship
10AM – First Church is host

Now There Is No Male or Female



1. Now there is no male and fe - male; now there
2. Cru - ci - fied with Christ the Sav - ior, bap - tized
3. Death has no do - min - ion o'er_ him, so for



3
ia no free or slave; now there is no Jew or
in his ho - ly death, and as Christ was raised to
us death holds no power; life's own wa - ters now have



6
Gen - tile in the earth Christ died to save. Christ has
glo - ry we have new life on this earth. Pow'r of
marked us, born to God this ve - ry hour. From this



9
set us free for free-dom: we no more sing slavery's creed; old sub-
wa - ter and God's nam-ing, turn-ing us from dark to light, joins us
mo-ment and for - ev - er dead to sin, a - live in Christ, born of



13
mis-sions can - not claim us; Christ has set us free in - deed.
to those who, be - fore_ us, ran the race and fought the fight.
wa - ter and the Spir - it now in Christ we find our life.

All the Colors of the Rainbow

Carl P. Daw

ABBOT'S LEIGH
Cyril V. Taylor

1. All the co - lours of the rain-bow live un - seen in dai - ly light,
2. All the bo - dy's parts are wan - ted, nor can one de - spise the rest:
3. Ev - ery lang - uage gains more mu - sic when the words for peace ap - pear:
4. Teach us, God, our need of oth - ers; through them help us ful - ly live.

but their splen - dors find ex - pres - sion when re - leased to hu - man sight;
head and hand must work to - get - ther, as must eye and ear and chest;
Pax, Sa - laam, Ei - ri - ni, Hei - wa, Pa - ce, San - ti, Frie den, Mir.
Wean us from our sel - fish hab - its; let us list - en, learn, for - give.

so the church re - veals most beau - ty where di - ver - si - ty is real:
so the church needs all its mem - bers for a range of min - i - stries:
Though our tongues make sounds that va - ry all be - speak a com - mon home:
May we see your longed - for im - age in each hu - man heart and face,

breadth of race and class and gen - der, room for doubt and space to heal.
var - ied gifts with one great mis - sion, "Do this for the least of these."
long - ing for the end of con - flict and a new life in God's Sha - lom.
and be - hold how those a - round us can be chan - nels of your grace.