

# Light up the Cathedral: an Interfaith Pride Celebration



July 16, 2025  
at seven o'clock in the evening

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
San Diego, California

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St. Paul's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on unceded Kumeyaay land. We value the knowledge, culture, and worldview of Indigenous people. We commit to the vital work of educating ourselves, increasing community awareness, and promoting reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbors. As we examine actions and practices that perpetuate harm against Indigenous communities, we pledge to work toward a meaningful and respectful relationship as we follow their example in honoring this sacred land.

- Approved by the Cathedral Chapter, May 2023

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Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith,  
you are welcome here!

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§ *The People gather in the Queen's Courtyard*

**Prelude**

Pride Pop Up Symphony Orchestra,  
Pam Miller, *Director*  
Dr. Joey Pearson, *piano*

*True Colors*

by Cyndi Lauper, arr. Pam Miller

*Higher Further Faster Together*

by Laura Karpman

*The Greatest Showman*

by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, arr. Sean O'Laughlin

*Angel City*

by Soon Hee Newbold

*How Sweet the Sound*

by Brian Balmages

§ *Please stand as able at the tolling of the bell for the Processional.*

*Create Community*

Dr. Joey Pearson,  
*Music Director, Oceanside Sanctuary Church*  
Words and Music by Dr. Joey Pearson

§ *Please be seated*

**Welcome**

The Very Rev. Penny Bridges,  
Susan Jester,  
Bob Leyh

**Crystal Singing Bowls**

Rev. Maria Harman

*I am willing*

San Diego Women's Chorus,  
Kathleen Hansen, *Director*  
Tim McKnight, *piano*  
Words and Music by Holly Near

## **An Opening Prayer for Pride**

(The Rev. Sam Lundquist, "An Opening Prayer for Pride,"

*Medium* at <http://samlundquist.medium.com/prayers-for-queer-folks-a-pride>)

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. Awaken us to our dream for creation; a world in which every member of the human family is free to flourish however you have made them.

Forgive us for the moments we have held back your ever-flowing current of love, dignity, and justice. Remake us into a people eager to see you in the faces, bodies, and expressions of all people. Remind each of us to step out of the shadows of our lives and shine fearlessly and courageously.

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

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.

Read by the Rev. Canon Allisyn Thomas

## **Matthew 5:14-16 (NRSV)**

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Read by the Rev. Michelle Andrews

## **A Prayer Attributed to Saint Francis with the Bodhisattva Vow**

(Francis X. Clooney, S.J. "Buddhist Jewish Prayers," *In All Things* (accessed 3 May 2018 at <http://www.americamagazine.org/all-things/buddhist-christian-prayer>)

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness, joy.

May I be a safeguard to those who have no protection,

A guide to those who journey along the way;

For those who wish to go across the water,

May I be a boat, a raft, a bridge.

May I be a homeport for those who yearn for landfall,

And a lamp for those who long for the light;

For those who are tired, may I be a resting place,

For all who need help, their servant.

Read by Rabbi Devorah Marcus

O Divine Master

Grant that I may not seek

To be consoled, as to console;

To be loved, as to love.

Like the great earth itself and other eternal things,

Enduring as the sky itself endures,

For the boundless multitude of living beings,

May I be the ground and vessel of their lives.

For every single thing that lives,

In the number like the boundless reaches the sky,

May I be their sustenance and nourishment

Until they pass beyond the bounds of suffering.

For it is in giving that we receive.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

It is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

Amen.

Read by Mr. Michael Lovette-Colyer

## **A Prayer for Pride Month**

(Adapted from Jordan Sullivan, *A Prayer for Pride Month*, The United Church of Canada accessed at <http://united-church.ca/prayer-pride-month> )

O, Love that will not let us go . . .

Our hearts are filled and overflowing with joy, deep love, and gratitude.

We are thankful, for the gifts of all affirming Ministries and communities of faith, and of our brothers and sisters in a secular and humanist tradition, their temples, their homes and their hearts to Two-Spirit and LGBTQ+ people and all their intersecting identities, for music, friendship, and for family.

We are thankful for the Love that will not let us go.

We are thankful most of all, for the blessing of a Love that is and always has been there for us.

Read by Mr. Jason Frye

The truth at the heart of our faith—that you are Love—echoes in today’s words and in music, in friendships and family, in our hearts and minds, and continues to challenge us to Love.

We pray for hearts and minds to be open to our own homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia, to be open to our own racism, sexism, ableism, sizeism, and all the ways we fear those who are different from us.

We pray to learn how to recognize the kinship between our souls and the souls of those who, to us, are strangers.

We pray that we will never cease in our journey to learn how to Love more radically.

We pray in the Name of the Love that heals those judged by religious leaders and powers, the Love who lives and loves among the marginalized and outcast.

Read by the Rev. Jamie Woods

## **A Prayer of Oscar Romero**

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,

It is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction  
of the magnificent enterprise that is God’s work.

Nothing we do is complete,

Which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lives beyond us.

Read by the Rev. Daniel Brunner

No statement says all that can be said.  
No prayer fully expresses our faith.  
No confession brings perfection.  
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.  
No program accomplishes God's mission.  
No set of goals and objections includes everything.  
This is what we are about.  
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

Read by the Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

We water seeds already planted knowing that they hold future promise.  
We lay foundations that will need further development.  
We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.  
We cannot do everything,  
and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.  
This enables us to do something,  
and do it very well.

Read by Rabbi Benj Fried

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.  
We may never see the end results,  
but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.  
We are workers, not master builders;  
ministers, not messiahs.  
We are prophets of a future that is not our own. Amen.

Read by the Rev. Kristen Kuriga

**Psalm 139:1, 13-18**

"O LORD, you have searched me and known me."

"For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.  
My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was made in the secret place,  
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

Read by Rabbi Yael Ridberg

Your eyes saw my unformed body;  
all the days ordained for me were written in your book  
before one of them came to be.  
How precious to me are your thoughts, Lord.  
How vast is the sum of them!  
Were I to count them,  
they would outnumber the grains of sand —  
when I awake, I am still with you."

Read by the Rev. Braeden Storkersen

*Truly Brave*

San Diego Gay Men's Chorus  
Steve Milloy, *Interim Artistic Director*

Words and Music by Sara Bareilles, Jack Antonoff, Tom Kelly, Billy Steinberg; arr. Mac Huff

### **A Prayer for Inclusion**

(Rabbi Edie Menscher and Rabbi Rick Jones/Ruderman,  
Synagogue Inclusion Project at [http://cdn.fedweb.org/fed-34/2/A- for\\_inclusion.pdf](http://cdn.fedweb.org/fed-34/2/A- for_inclusion.pdf))

Holy One, we know you by many names, but still we are part of one human family,  
Your Family.

Open our hearts and minds so that we see Your reflection in the face of every person on  
this earth.

Help us to forge bonds of compassion, dignity, and respect with every person.

Read by the Rev. Kurt Christenson

Guide us to fully grasp that disability and difference never lessen a person's need for  
love, friendship, belonging, respect and for the opportunity to work, contribute, and  
lead.

Let prejudice, stigma, fear, and presumptions never interfere with our ceaseless efforts  
to assure that each and every person is able to feel the embrace of family, community,  
and God.

Read by the Rev. Diego Salazar Galvis

**God of Justice** (*The People's responses are in bold*)  
(Janet Morley, *All Desires Known*, 3rd Edition)

O God of justice,  
you have called your prophets throughout the ages  
to persist in proclamation  
in the face of callousness,  
and to be resilient in faith  
confronting stupidity:

Read by Rabbi Scott Meltzer

We pray for those  
who have refused to be silent before injustice;  
who have been repeatedly turned away but are not discouraged;  
whose outrageous faith has caused the mighty to tremble;  
whose stubborn humor gives their allies heart.

For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of God.

*People*    **as the waters over the sea.**

We pray for those  
whose efforts in the cause of justice have left them damaged or bitter;  
who are repudiated by those they struggle for;  
who have lost all hope of remedy,  
and whose voice is not heard.

For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of God

**as the waters over the sea.**

Read by the Rev. Richard Lee

We pray for those  
who have the power to do good and yet will not;  
who attend to no voice but their own;  
who dismiss the causes of oppression,  
and ignore the plight of the powerless.

For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of God

**as the waters over the sea.**

Read by the Rev. Canon Richard Hogue, Jr.

### **Romans 12:9-16 (NIV)**

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Read by the Rev. Tesa Hauser



## **Lead Us**

(Author unknown. Thought to be an adaptation of a Hindu prayer or of a hymn.

“Lead Us,” <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/prayers-for-peace>)

Lord,  
Lead us from death to life,  
From falsehood to truth.  
Lead us from despair to hope,  
from fear to trust.  
Let peace fill our hearts, our world and our universe.  
Let us dream together and work together,  
to build one world of peace and justice for all.

Read by Fr. Brad Mills

## **The Lord’s Prayer for Transgender Awareness**

(The Rev. Kim Sorrells. Prayer originally written for Central Congregational UCC (Atlanta, GA) Pride Sunday worship on October 9, 2016, at <http://www.believeoutloud.com>)

Our Mother and Father, our beloved parent, in whom we move and have our being.  
The hallowing of your name shines forth in the diversity of your children.  
May your peace and love, justice and equality, inclusion and belonging reign here on earth as in heaven.  
Grant that our transgender loved ones might have their daily needs met—that they might find gainful employment without discrimination, that they might have access to medical care without fear; that they might have their rights and lives protected, and that they might find a loving community to belong to and call their own.  
Forgive us for the ways that we have fallen short and failed your transgender children.  
Forgive us for the times we turned away, or did not care; for the times we laughed or judged their unique expression of your image; for the times we have misspoken, asked too much, or failed to hear.

Read by the Rev. Kori Pacyniak

As we forgive those who have failed us.

Lead us away from the temptation to be complacent in the face of injustice. But instead give us courage to stand up and stand with your beloved children. For your love and justice is to be made manifest now and forever. Amen.

Read by the Rev. Jeri Newell-Davis

## **We will not keep silent**

*(Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth: Prayers of Walter Brueggemann)*

We are people who must sing you,  
for the sake of our very lives.  
You are a God who must be sung by us,  
for the sake of your majesty and honor.  
And so we thank you,  
for the lyrics that push us past our reasons,  
for melodies that break open our givens,  
for cadences that locate us home,  
beyond all our safe places,  
for tones and tunes that open our lives beyond control  
and our futures beyond despair.

Read by the Rev. Molly Morgen

We thank you for the long parade of mothers and fathers  
who have sung you deep and true;  
We thank you for the good company  
of artists, poets, musicians, cantors and instruments  
that sing for us and with us, toward you.  
We are witnesses to your mercy and splendor;  
We will not keep silent . . . ever again. Amen.

Read by Ms. Andrea Beth Damsky

## **A Prayer for the Trans Day of Remembrance**

(Jenn Long, Augsburg University Campus Ministry,

<https://www.augsburg.edu/campusministry/2020/11/19/a-prayer-for-the-trans-day-of-remembrance>)

God of all creation, your wisdom, your love and your mystery are boundless. You have many names, which are beyond all gender expression. We give you thanks for the gift of diverse gender identity, expression, and sexuality. We acknowledge the times we deny that gift by holding too tightly to expectations of conformity and norms. We have created these divisions and use them against one another. We know this is not your will or your way. Help us to act mercifully and show grace to all of your people, as you have done for us.

O Mysterious Maker of womxn, men, all that is in between, outside, and none at all. We come before you today with sorrow in our hearts. We remember those who have lost their lives because they did not conform to the gender roles society expects. We lament at the continued suffering, oppression, rejection and struggle of our siblings of all gender identities.

Read by the Rev. Kirby Smith

Grant them strength, support, and love to accept and be accepted who they are.

We acknowledge the harm prejudice and ignorance has knowingly and unknowingly caused. Help soften hearts and give wisdom and understanding that in the sight of God, all are equally Beloved simply because of our existence. Open hearts and minds to embrace and support one another so that all may let their light shine before others by living out their Truth.

In the name of the One who is beyond all norm, amen.

Read by Pastor M. Andrew Davis

*Light*

San Diego Gay Men's Chorus  
Steve Milloy, *Interim Artistic Director*

Words and Music by Brian Yorkey

### **Jeremiah 1:1-8 (NIV)**

The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
before you were born I set you apart;  
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

"Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young."

But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.'"

You must go to everyone I send you to and say  
whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.

Read by Rabbi Jason Nevarez

### **A Prayer of Queer Thanksgiving**

(Micah Bucey,

<https://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/practices/practices/view/27924/a-prayer-of-queer-thanksgiving>)

"I sing praises to this little boy, no more than seven or eight,  
Who just pranced right up to me and interlaced his own tiny, nail-polished fingers  
With my own, and cried out, 'Twins!'  
I sing praises to his choice of glittery green,  
Which perfectly complements my shimmery purple.  
I sing praises to his guts, his gumption, his presumption

That I am a friend, a familiar, a fellow fairy — family —  
Even though we've never met.

I sing praises to the street that brings us together  
And to the fabulous whomever he, she, they will become.  
I sing praises to the well-coiffed mother, bubbling over and teary-eyed,  
As she exclaims, 'He saw you all the way across the street and just had to say, 'Hello.'

Read by the Rev. Canon Jeff Martinhauk

I sing praises to the baseball-capped father, looking on with quiet pride,  
As he asks, 'Do you paint yourself or do you have them professionally done?'  
I sing praises to the grandma and the grandpa, holding hands and smiling wide,  
As they look one another in the eye and celebrate what their love has made.  
I sing praises to the dozens of witnesses to this family reunion

The ones who hurry by and the ones who slow down,  
The ones who look up from their phones to watch history being made,  
The ones who set aside their cynicism for one, brief, shining moment,  
So they can join in the smiles, Join in the connection,

Read by Mr. Tim Foley

As I squeeze the tiny fingers of this seven-or-eight-year-old unicorn and proclaim:  
'Twins!'  
And I sing praises to the cloud of invisible witnesses that surrounds us,  
And in the singing and the praising, I feel them appear around us.  
This is fantasy, but this is real.  
This is fantasy, but fantasy is what painted our nails in the first place.

Read by the Rev. Canon Richard Hogue, Jr.

I see Marsha, brick in hand, ready to take no crap,  
And Sylvia, microphone primed, ready to take us to task.  
I see Christine, done up and glamorous, no hair out of place,  
And I hear Marlene and Sylvester and David, crooning as Billy tickles the ivories.  
I see Langston and Lorraine and James and Oscar, scribbling away,  
As José and Eve and Michel critique and queer and complicate.

Read by the Rev. Michelle Kirby

I hear Divine and Candy and Jackie and Andy and Hibiscus whispering,  
'Don't be so serious. Let this just be the silly thing it is.'  
I feel the breeze as Alvin twirls by,  
And I feel the squeeze as Alan computes the logic of it all.  
I see Harvey and Audre and Michael and Harry,  
And Gordon and Edie and Jane and Dick,

Satisfied and still nudging, content and continuing to fight.  
I hear Leonard and Howard composing a hit,  
As Michael choreographs a group number,  
And Frida lines us all up for what will surely be a kooky portrait for the ages.  
I feel the forces, see the faces of the famous and the foreign,  
And the cloud opens wider to reveal our mess of martyrs.

Read by Pastor Nancy Corran

I see Matthew and Brandon and Roxana and Joan,  
I see faces I've never seen before,  
I hear names I've never known,  
I hear voices I've never heard before, shouting, 'Twins! Twins! Twins!'  
We are nothing alike and we are everything alike,  
We are on the street together and we are more than worlds apart.

Read by Lay Leader Alan Hay

We are a rainbow and we are a cloud,  
Born of color and tears, of triumph and tragedy,  
Feeding the arc of a moral universe that has trampled us,  
Even as we decorate the damn thing and teach it how to bend.  
We are serious and sassy, glittery and grim,  
Furious and filled with fear that fools itself into fabulosity.

Read by Rev. Eric Sloniker

We are everything I describe and nothing I describe.  
We are everything I see and so much I do not see.  
We can pick out one another on the street,  
And we can be strangers in the same parade.  
We are more than fits inside our ever-expanding initials,  
And we are only as much as we allow ourselves to be.

Read by Cantor Lawrence Kornit

We are a rainbow and we are a cloud,  
Bending and bursting, beautiful and terrifying.  
And I sing praises to the rainbow and I sing praises to the cloud.  
I sing praises to the colorful progress,  
And I sing praises to the storm that shouts, 'Progress is a myth.'

Read by the Rev. Dan Koeshall

Stop acting so small. You are the Universe in ecstatic motion.'  
I sing praises to the Universe that we are,  
To the rainbow that we've been, to the cloud we will all become,  
And I feel that word fizzing up inside me, though it often frightens more than frees:  
'Family.'

I sing praises to this family

Read by the Rev. Stephen Colon

That claims me for who I am and gently shoves me into who I can become.  
I sing praises to the saints who don't want to be saints,  
To the martyrs and the heroes who ask for none of the notoriety.  
I sing praises to the bloodless ties that keep us afloat until the blood ties catch up.  
I sing praises to the clouds that cry out, 'Families belong together,'

Read by the Rev. Canon Brooks Mason

And know that it means so much more than what some want it to mean.  
I sing praises to this fleeting moment on the street,  
A moment that begins between two nail-polished people,  
And then prisms out, extending the rainbow, creating the cloud.  
We are twins and we are nothing alike.  
We are seeking a tribe and we are extending the tribe.

We have so much to teach and we have so much to learn.  
We have eternal praises to sing and we have eternal thanks to give.  
Our greatest gift is the light of our color and the salt of our tears,  
As we recognize one another like children on the busy street and insist on saying,  
'Hello. I see you. I feel this between us and I can't quite explain it.'

Read by the Rev. Daniel McMillan

I sing praises to our gift of family recognition,  
And until all families bend to the love of difference,  
Until this country bends to love of family,  
I sing praises to this growing familial cloud,  
Rainbow saints painting paths for their yearning children,  
And I pray not with my own hands clasped together,  
But with my polished fingers interlaced with any other child I can recognize.  
Amen.

Read by the Rev. Cheri Metier

*Banned Together*

San Diego Women's Chorus,  
Kathleen Hansen, *Director*  
Music and Lyrics by Pax Ressler.

Keynote Address:

The Rev. Caedmon Grace

*Light of Pride Award*

The Rev. Dan Koeshall

*Presented by:* The Very Rev. Penny Bridges,  
Kristin Flickinger,  
*Interim Executive Director of San Diego Pride*

Presentation by Bodhicari Jeff Zlotnik, *2024 Recipient*

### **Civic Proclamations**

County of San Diego Supervisor Monica Montgomery-Steppe  
City of San Diego Councilmember Stephen Whitburn

### **Traditional Buddhist Prayer**

May all beings have happiness and the causes of happiness;  
May all be free from sorrow and the causes of sorrow;  
May all never be separated from the sacred happiness which is sorrowless;  
And may all live in equanimity, without too much attachment and too much aversion,  
And live believing in the equality of all that lives.

Read by Bodhicari Jeff Zlotnik

### **Tender God**

(Janet Morley, *All Desires Known*, 3rd Edition)

Tender God, you have seen my affliction, and unbound my eyes; you have bereaved me  
of the burden to which I used to cling; you have woven my pain into patterns of integrity;  
the wounds I cherished you have turned into honors, and the scars I kept hidden into  
marks of truth. You have touched me gently; I have seen your face and live.

Read by the Very Rev. Penny Bridges

**From Fear of Staying Still**    (*The People's responses are in bold*)

(Janet Morley, *All Desires Known*, 3rd Edition)

From fear of staying still,

*People*    **O God deliver me.**

From fear of surrender,

**O God deliver me.**

From fear of decision,

**O God deliver me.**

From fear of losing respect,

**O God deliver me.**

From fear of facing my fear,

**O God deliver me.**

But from the fear that marks my presence,

**I beseech you O God, do not deliver me.**

Read by the Right Rev. E. Jane Via

**A Prayer for Peace**

(Adapted from Alan Paton, South Africa, United Methodist Hymnal #456, "For Courage to Do Justice," <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/prayers-for-peace>)

O Lord, open our eyes that we may see the needs of others; Open our ears that we may hear their cries; Open our hearts so that they need not be without succor; Let us not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show us where love and hope and faith are needed, and use us to bring them to those places. And so open our eyes and our ears that we may this coming day be able to do some work for thee.

Read by the Rev. Jaime Pangman

*Go Light Your World*

Dr. Joey Pearson

Words and Music by Kathy Troccoli

**Prayer**

Brother Yusef Miller

**Closing Song:** *Light Dwells in Me*

Dr. Joey Pearson, *piano*

Pride Pop Up Symphony Orchestra

Words and Music by Dr. Joey Pearson



§ *The People follow the Ministers in procession out to the courtyard and around the church as the lights are illuminated and blessed.*

*Reception to follow in the Great Hall  
Northside of the Fifth Avenue Queen's Courtyard.*

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- ❖ Pam Miller, *Conductor/Organizer, Pride Pop Up Symphony Orchestra*
- ❖ Dr. Joey Pearson, *Music Minister, Oceanside Sanctuary Church*

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### **Participating Civic Leaders**

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## **LGBTQ+ Affirming Faith Leaders**

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The Very Rev. Penny Bridges, Dean, St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral  
Reverend Daniel Brunner, Metropolitan Community Church of San Diego and  
American Baptist Churches USA  
Reverend Kurt Christenson, First Lutheran Church, San Diego  
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Reverend Dr. Michelle Kirby, Metropolitan Community Church of San Diego  
Reverend Dan Koeshall, Metropolitan Community Church of San Diego  
Cantor Larry Kornit, Congregation B'nai Tikvah  
Reverend Krista Kuriga, First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego  
The Reverend Dr. Richard Lee, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, City Heights  
Mr. Michael Lovette-Colyer, Vice President Mission Integration, USD  
Rabbi Devorah Marcus, Temple Emanu-El  
The Reverend Canon Jeff Martinhauk, Episcopal Diocese of San Diego  
The Reverend Canon Brooks Mason, St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral  
The Reverend Daniel McMillan, St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church  
Rabbi Scott Meltzer, Ohr Shalom Synagogue  
Reverend Cheri Metier, Interfaith Worker Justice of San Diego County  
Brother Yusef Miller, USN (Ret), Islamic Society North County  
Fr. Brad Mills, SJ, Our Lady of Guadalupe, RC Church  
Reverend Molly Morgen, Normal Heights United Methodist Church  
Rabbi Jason Nevarez, Beth Israel  
Reverend Jeri Newell-Davis, Linda Vista United Methodist Church  
Reverend Kori Pacyniak, Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community  
Reverend Jaime Pangman, Santee United Methodist Church

Reverend Dr. Brian Parcel, First United Methodist Church Chula Vista  
Rabbi Yael Ridberg  
Reverend Eric Sloniker, University Christian Church  
Reverend Kirby Smith, St. David's Episcopal Church  
Reverend Braeden Storkersen, Missiongathering Christian Church  
The Rev. Canon Allisyn Thomas, St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral  
Bishop E. Jane Via, Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community  
Jamie Woods, Minister, Unity Fellowship Church San Diego  
Bodhicari Jeff Zlotnik, Dharma Bum Buddhist Temple

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### **Participants**

*Verger:* Jairus Kleinert

*Thurifer:* Todd Hurrell

*Ushers:* Gene Killian, John Will

*ASL Interpreters:* Lucy Arnett, Amber Graves, *Deaf Community Services of San Diego*

*Audio/Visual Technicians:* Mark Sanzi, Mike Thornburgh

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*The Order of Service Liturgy:* The Reverend Canon Allisyn Thomas, Susan Jester

## PRIDE POP UP SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

### Violin

Kiersten Smith

### Viola

Diego Garcia Hernandez\*

### Double Bass

Paul Grantham

Laura Payne

### Flute

Cassie O'Hanlon

Andrea Jarratt

Lauren Gripenstraw

### Oboe and English Horn

Shaina May

### Clarinet

Laura Getz

Francisco Orozco

### French Horn

Angel Moscosa

Margaret Tapia-Fleck

### Alto Sax

Alé Taboada

### Bari Sax

Traci Wilkerson Steckel

### Trumpet

Julie Lees

Francisco Orozco

### Trombone

Yuo Wu

Donovan Alcones

### Euphonium

Kylee Belanger

Donovan Alcones

### Tuba

Scott Helmer

### Percussion

Catherine Barnes

Sean Smith

Alé Taboada

Stephen Orman

### Guitar

Laura Payne

### Vocals

Bela-Sofia Kotodama

Sean Smith

### Piano

Sean Smith

### Conductor/Organizer

Pam Miller

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For more about The Pride Pop Up Symphony Orchestra: [musicacademysd@gmail.com](mailto:musicacademysd@gmail.com)

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# LIGHT OF PRIDE AWARD

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Light of Pride Award has been developed to honor and recognize Religious organizations for their persistent and sustained support of the San Diego LGBT Community and that are making significant contributions to the LGBT Community through their time, actions, talents and dedication such as:

- Sustained excellent performance to the LGBT Community
- Sustained contributions to the LGBT Community resulting in, for example, more accepting and affirming towards LGBT Community
- Significant contribution to the LGBT Community

San Diego Pride and St. Paul's Cathedral seek to recognize Religious organizations that serve as a role model for affirmation and service to the San Diego LGBT Community and strive to make the San Diego LGBT world a better place. The organization will have a demonstrated commitment and passion for helping the LGBT Community.

Organizations selected will be working to raise awareness of social injustice, speak on behalf of justice, celebrate diversity and impel action in building a better future for the LGBT community.

We seek to recognize organizations that not only envision solutions to the many inequities that characterize the LGBT world we live in, but also have the courage to act and to persevere in the face of some very challenging circumstances.

Types of Organizations that we honor are:

### **Service and Advocacy: Who gives voice to the marginalized?**

We seek the organizations that provide services and/or advocacy for the human rights of those marginalized because of being LGBT.

### **Programs for Children: Who stands for our children?**

We seek the organizations that invest their resources for the well-being of LGBT children who would otherwise miss the many opportunities that a young life should offer. We seek to recognize the organizations that confront the issues faced by LGBT children through effective programs and advocacy.

### **Innovation for Change: Who has the courage to innovate?**

Many people have devoted their lives to change, yet our world still struggles to provide equal access to resources, opportunity and social justice for the LGBT Community. We know that in the pursuit of change, the most effective interventions are often the most innovative. We seek the organizations that apply innovation and creativity to addressing LGBT societal issues. Our aim is to celebrate organizations that have constructed new ways to address persistent challenges in the lives of the LGBT marginalized communities.

### **Previous Light of Pride Awardees:**

- 2017 Reverend Troy Perry – Metropolitan Community Church
  - 2018 First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego
  - 2019 Jewish Family Services of San Diego
  - 2020 Reverend Dr. J. Lee Hill, Jr.
  - 2021 Strong Hearted Native Women’s Coalition
  - 2022 The Border Church – Reverend John Fanestil and Guillermo Navarette
  - 2023 Temple Emanu-El
  - 2024 Dharma Bum Temple
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### ***Light Up the Cathedral for Pride***

In 2015, after installing colored exterior lights, St. Paul’s Cathedral inaugurated an interfaith service to light up in rainbow colors and celebrate Pride, in the week before the Pride festival. The service was well received by the community, and the Light of Pride award was added to the service. Today Light Up the Cathedral for Pride is an official event of San Diego Pride.



### **Reverend Dan Koeshall**

Rev. Dan Koeshall has served as the Senior Pastor at the Metropolitan Community Church (The Met) since January, 2008. After leaving the Assemblies of God when he was outed as a gay man, he served as Music Director and Associate Pastor at MCC San Diego under Rev. Tony Freeman. Following 2 years as Interim Pastor at Pikes Peak MCC in Colorado Springs, he was called in 2007 as our Senior Pastor. Dan is actively involved in our UFMCC denomination, represents the church throughout the community, is a member of both the Mayor's and Sheriff's LGBT Advisory Boards, and serves as the Moderator of our Board of Directors.

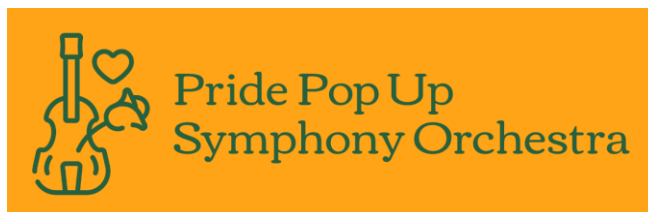
The Met is a member of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, a denomination founded by Rev. Troy Perry with the intention of creating a safe space for LGBTQ+ people to gather and worship. We embrace diversity and ground our beliefs in God's inclusive love for all God's people. The Met has been serving the LGBTQ+ and larger San Diego community since 1970.



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*Please locate an exit nearest you.*

*The exit doors are:*

- *South porch doors at Nutmeg Street and Fifth Avenue*
- *North porch doors to Fifth Avenue Courtyard*
- *South transept east and west doors to Nutmeg Street*
- *Northeast hallway door to Fifth Avenue breezeway*
  - *West chapel (to the left of chapel altar) stairs leading down to landing.*