

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, January 16

Worship Service 10:15 am - Live-streamed Only

### MONDAY, January 17

Finance Committee 7:00 pm - Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, January 19

Prayer Time with Pastor Cerna 11:00 am - Zoom

Bell Choir 6:30 pm - Sanctuary

Confirmation Class 7:00 pm - Room 208

Chancel Choir 8:00 pm - Choir Room

### THURSDAY, January 20

Trustees 7:00 - Zoom



## 8th Anniversary as a Reconciling Church

January 16, 2022

10:15 am

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*Exploring Our Faith, Extending Christ's Reach*

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### OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Ministers: The Congregation

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Cerna Castro Rand  
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**Sunday, January 16, 2022**  
**10:15 am Livestreamed - Sanctuary**

**Prelude** "In the Secret" Andy Park  
TGiW Band

**Welcome & Announcements** Art Hill

**Statement of Welcome (Unison)** Rev. Cerna Castro Rand  
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**\*Call to Worship & Affirmation of our Reconciling Ministry**

One As we gather, let us be grateful for the gift of our lives, and the gift of others in our lives!

**All Each of us is created with dignity and worth!**

One We celebrate that we are called to love each other and to do nothing to others that we would find hateful to ourselves.

**All We honor the many ways that people live and love.**

One We repent for the times when our faith traditions have named lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people unworthy.

**All Love does not exclude. We are ALL worthy!**

One We suffer when LGBTQ persons are oppressed, excluded and shamed by religious people who over look the fundamental call to justice and love in our scriptures.

**All True justice and true love flourish when we can live with authenticity and integrity.**

One We celebrate being reconciling for 6 years, and commit anew to be and build our community as a place where LGBTQ people are celebrated as full and equal members and leaders using their many gifts.

**All We celebrate sexual and gender diversity as a blessing that enriches and blesses us all! Alleluia! Amen.**

**Song** "Ten Thousand Reasons" (Bless the Lord) Redman  
TGiW Band

**Prayer (Unison)** Rev. Cerna Castro Rand  
**Our heavenly Father, Creator of us all, we your humble children invoke your blessing on us. We adore you, whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and knowledge of whom stands our eternal life. Unto you be all honor and all glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**  
(The Book of Worship 1944, ALT.)

**\*Gospel Lesson** Matthew 10:40-42 Art Hill  
One: The word of God for the people of God.  
All: **Thanks be to God**

**Sermon** "Welcoming and Accepting Others"  
Rev. Cerna Castro Rand

**Anthem** "Your Love, Oh Lord" Third Day

**Joys and Concerns** Rev. Cerna Castro Rand  
**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Invitation to Offering** Art Hill

**Offertory** "Endless Alleluia" Cory Asbury  
TGiW Band

**\*Song** "Lay Me Down"  
Tomlin, Ingram, Myrin, Redman  
TGiW Band

**\*Benediction** Rev. Cerna Castro Rand

**Postlude** "Lay Me Down"  
TGiW Band

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**TGiW Band:**  
Jim Teolis, Bass  
Mark Rand, Drums  
Guitar, Hattie Koher  
Vocals, Amanda Cole, Jen DiSessa, Kathy Jacobs

**Worship Leader:** Art Hill

**Video Technician:** Diana Stirn  
**Assistant Video Technician:** Will DiSessa

**Sound Technician:**  
Keir Wilson