

A Litany for Inclusion of All

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Hanging on the front of the table is a “loom” with the “warp” made up of green fabric. Our “weaver” will receive different fabrics for the “weft” and weave them into the warp as the following is spoken.

Person 1: (hands the “weaver” a piece of fabric and then goes to the pulpit.)

Our God is the Great Weaver,
who from the loom of diverse human experience
weaves different colors, textures, shapes, sizes, and abilities together,
creating one beautiful work of art we call humanity.

Person 2 (Hands “the weaver” another piece of fabric and goes to the lectern.)

Because God has welcomed us,
We are to welcome one another.
In the Body of Christ we are given opportunities
to learn from each other’s trials and triumphs,
and to share in each other’s struggles and joys.

Congregation sings:

**Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together in unity and love,
Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together, together in love**

Person 3 (comes from the congregation and hands “the weaver” another piece of fabric and goes to the pulpit)

Today is a day to celebrate the inclusion of all,
a day when we celebrate unity in the Body of Christ,
a day when we remember that we are all different,
and different does not mean deficient, it simply means different;
and we belong together, because we belong to God.

Person 4 (comes from the congregation, hands “the weaver” another piece of fabric and goes to the lectern)

some of us communicate in different ways.
some of us see differently.
some of us live with moods difficult to control.
some of us hear less.

Person 5 (comes from the congregation, hands “the weaver” another piece of fabric and goes to the pulpit side)

some of us use wheelchairs.
some of us walk differently.
some of us have voices that aren’t verbal.

Congregation sings:

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Person 6 (comes from the congregation, hands “the weaver” another piece of fabric and goes to the lectern side)

some of us process information differently.
some of us are in recovery from addiction.
some of us have brain chemistries that need help to be regulated.
some of us are temporarily abled.

Person 7 (comes from the congregation, hands “the weaver” another piece of fabric and goes to the pulpit side)

Each with disabilities; we know limitations and challenge.
Each with abilities; we seek fulfillment and wholeness.
We all are vulnerable and seek the shelter of an inclusive community.
We all are transformed by invitation, access and affirmation.

(Person 8 hands “the weaver” another piece of fabric and joints the others)

(Person 1 invites the congregation to rise in body or in Spirit and say together)

**Each of us has a gift to offer,
Each of us provides a unique perspective,
Each longs for affirmation, acceptance, and empowerment,
Each is a beautiful strand in the tapestry of God’s love.**

Congregation sings:

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