

"Deep In Our Hearts"

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. Jeremiah 31:32

One of the distinct features of many United Church of Christ conferences, associations and congregations compared to other faith communities is their commitment to become Open and Affirming (O&A). O&A is a stance of radical welcome to LGBTQIA+ people. Because church communities have historically been places of hurt and exclusion, it is even more imperative that churches who are Open and Affirming take a strong and public stance.

A little over a year ago, the ONA Coalition welcomed a new executive director, The Rev. Katrina Roseboro-Marsh. According to a UCC news story that came out at the time,* She is the first Black woman to head the coalition. "I am honored and excited for this opportunity," she said. "I realize how important my selection is, and I recognize the magnitude of what this opportunity will mean for the LGBTQIA+ community. I accept this challenge because the coalition has laid the sturdy groundwork to make its next steps forward in reimaging and revisioning, with regeneration as a goal."

Roseboro-Marsh has more than 16 years of experience as a clinician. Her particular focus has been working with clients who identify as LGBTQIA+, as well as those who also identify as African American with an active religious and/or spiritual practice.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Katrina to our team because of her unique voice, energy and experience," said search committee chair and Coalition Leadership Team member the Rev. Derek Terry. "With the current attack on queerness in schools and communities across the country, we feel an obligation to protect and ensure the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community."

Terry added that "while some work to erase the experiences of BIPOC people from the pages of history books," Roseboro-Marsh will "increase our advocacy work through an intentionally more intersectional approach."

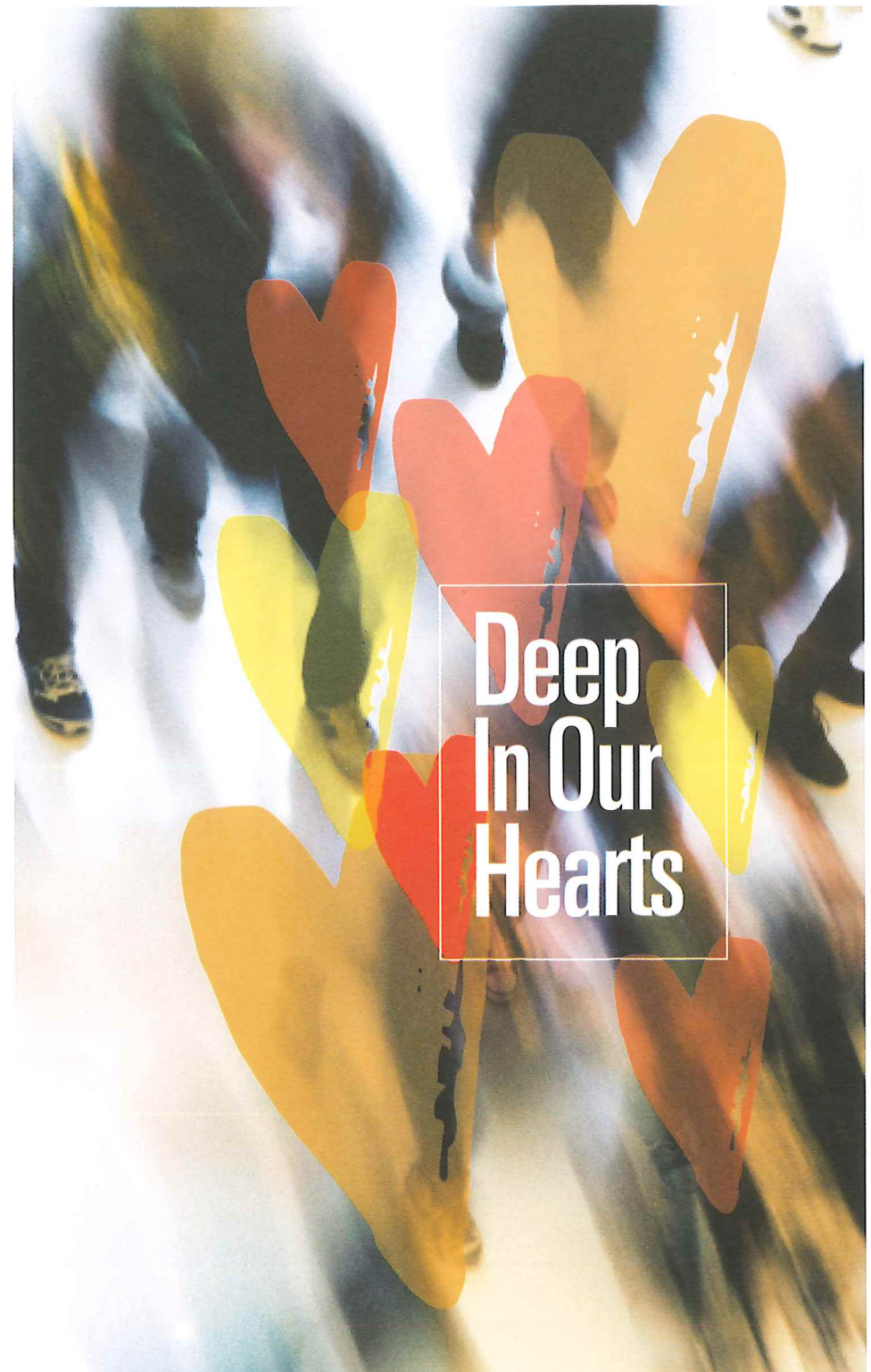
Roseboro-Marsh is ordained clergy and holds ministerial standing with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the Fellowship of Affirming Ministries. She is married to the Rev. Tana Roseboro-Marsh; they reside on the east coast with their Morkie, Xola Darling Roseboro-Marsh.

*<https://www.ucc.org/new-ona-director-global-ministries-exec-among-recent-hires/>



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**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



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March 17, 2024 at 10 AM

Pastor: Rev. Gretchen Deeg | Liturgist: Carrie Mandigo

Music: Jeanne Kolberg | Video: Dana Jahner

*Rise in body or in spirit.

***NO MATTER**

Sing! 35

No matter who, no matter what
No matter where you are on the journey of life;
You're welcome, welcome in this place.
Accepted and welcomed by God's grace.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Choir: Gathered people, why are you here?

**All: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire
mind, with a fire burning in my bones.**

Choir: We see it! You're in the right place! This is God's house.
The door is open to you.

All: Why are you here?

Choir: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire
mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

**All: We see it! You're in the right place. This is God's
house. The door is open to you.**

Choir: Let us worship God.

All: Let us learn from the Spirit!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***HYMN** Help Us Accept Each Other NCH 388

TIME WITH CHILDREN

After the offering, children are invited to attend Sunday School or remain in worship.

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, our heavenly host;
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we long to be lifelong learners. We long to
approach you with curiosity and an open mind. Instead, we
often live as if we know best. We forget that the disciples
called you "Rabbi, Teacher." Forgive us for the times when
we fail to be curious. Forgive us for the times when we assume
we know best. Forgive us for the moments when we imagine
that our learning is done and that we have all the answers.
Make us brave like Peter. Spark a desire in us to learn, and
may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters. With
hope and humility we pray, Amen.**

***GLORIA**

Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 119:9-16

CHOIR ANTHEM

Wonderful Grace

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:15-22

SERMON

Rev. Gretchen Deeg

HYMN

Here Are Our Hearts

Sing! 178

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN**

Love Your Neighbor and Forgive

Insert

***CARRY GOD'S LOVE**

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Sponsor a Sunday

The 2024 sponsorship calendar is available. If you would like to sponsor a future Sunday, contact the church office at 223-2915 or visit uccbismarck.org/donate. Sponsorships are \$500.

Love Your Neighbor and Forgive

REDHEAD NO. 76 (7.7.7.7.7.7)

Words by Anna Strickland, 2023

Music by Richard Redhead, 1853



"Love your neigh - bor and for - give" Words so sim - ple
Sounds of bombs and bul - lets ring War is all we've
Love is ris - ky, peace is faint And for - give - ness



yet so hard We have wounds be - cause we've lived
ev - er known Pac - i - fists are framed as weak
feels na - ive All are sin - ners, all are saints



Cal - lus - es en - fold our hearts Jes - us reach - es
We re - ly on might a - lone Jes - us paves the
And we all God's grace re - ceive So we fol - low



out to touch Wounds and hearts that hold too much
paths of peace Ev - en as the threats in - crease
mer - cy's way Soft - en - ing our hearts to grace

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES: March 17 - 24

- Sunday:** 11 AM Fellowship
12 Noon [Online](#) Fellowship
- Tuesday:** 1 PM Quilting/Knitting
5:30 PM Lent Bible Study (in-person & [online](#))
5:30 PM Trustees
- Wednesday:** 5:30 PM Lent Supper – Buffalo Noodle
6 PM Taizé Choir Practice
6:30 PM Lent Worship – Taizé
7:30 PM Choir Practice
- Friday:** 8:30 AM Bible Study (in-person & [online](#))
- Sunday:** **10 AM Palm Sunday Worship** (in-person & [online](#))
11 AM Pancake Breakfast
12 Noon [Online](#) Fellowship

Taizé Worship - March 20

Join us this Wednesday at 6:30pm for Taizé. This unique service of chants, prayer, and candles began in Taizé, France as an intentionally ecumenical service. St. George's Episcopal Church will be joining us for worship at Bismarck UCC.

Lent & Holy Week Schedule

- Mar. 20** – 5:30 PM Soup Supper and 6:30 PM Taizé Worship
- Mar. 24 at 10 AM** – Palm Sunday Worship & Pancake Breakfast
- Mar. 28 at 5:30 PM** – Maundy Thursday Worship & Soup Supper
- Mar. 30 at 7 PM** – Community Easter Vigil (at Lord of Life ELCA)
- Mar. 31 at 7 AM** – Easter Sunrise (front lawn of Haycreek Retirement)
- Mar. 31 at 10 AM** – Easter Worship & Egg Hunt

OUR PRAYER LIST

Family of Ed Hall, Judi Allen, Jasten Bearstail (Cherly Dank's family friend), Laura Lyons (Louise Zuern's daughter-in-law), Matthew Nitschke and family, Preston Danks (Cheryl Danks' nephew), Robyn Richter (Kyle Eisenbraun's aunt), Amy Thomson (Jane Thomson's daughter-in-law), Herb Ritz, Beryl Dinkins (Kyle Eisenbraun's grandma), Maggie Demaree, Doretta Reule, Macyeo Franks (Jane Thomson's grandson), Bella & Kayla Bruning, Michael Bruning, Perry Weekes, Howard Etson, Camille Grothier, East Timor, Refugees

*Contact the church office to be added to our weekly prayer list.



Help Us Accept Each Other

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Fred Kaan, 1974; alt.

John 15:12; 17:20-23; Eph. 4:1-6, 11-16

- 1 Help us ac-cept each oth-er
as Christ ac-cept-ed us;
teach us as sis-ter, broth-er,
each per-son to em-brace.
Be pres-ent, God, a-mong us,
and bring us to be-lieve
we are our-selves ac-cept-ed
and meant to love and live.
- 2 Teach us, O God, your les-sons,
as in our dai-ly life
we strug-gle to be hu-man
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for peo-ple,
for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them,
or as they may be-come.

- 3 Let your ac-cep-tance change us,
so that we may be moved
in liv-ing sit-u-a-tions
to do the truth in love;
To prac-tice your ac-cep-tance,
un-til we know by heart
the ta-ble of for-give-ness
and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.
- 4 God, for to-day's en-coun-ters
with all who are in need,
who hun-ger for ac-cep-tance,
for righ-teous-ness and bread,
Bring us new eyes for see-ing,
new hands for hold-ing on;
re-new us with your Spir-it;
God! Free us, make us one!

Dutch theologian Fred Kaan was ordained in the United Reformed Church in England and Wales and has served as an international church administrator. Author of more than 200 hymns. Kaan frequently has addressed contemporary issues in

Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.
Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

Here Are Our Hearts

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♩=100 C G/B Am Em/G F C/E Dm G

Here are our hearts._____ Here are our hands._____

C G/B Am Em/G F C/E G G⁷ C G/B

Here are our lives._____ Use them as You can._____ Show us those who hurt.

Am Em/G F C/E Dm G C G/B

_____ Show us those in need._____ Show us how to serve.

Am Em/G F C/E G G⁷ C

_____ Teach us how to see._____

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