

THE EMBRACE MINISTRY AT LUTHER PLACE CHURCH

OUR PURPOSE

Embrace is Luther Place's ministry of LGBTQIA people who encourage and challenge each other in their faith journeys. Our purpose is to proclaim that LGBTQIA people, along with all of creation, have been created in the image of God. We bear witness to this holy truth through support to one another and the broader community.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- We seek to create a supportive space within Luther Place by providing hospitality, connection, inspiration and fun for all, and especially for those who identify as LGBTQIA.
- We walk together in our questioning, exploration, celebrations and struggles.
- We engage in lifelong learning and conversation to faithfully discern the infinite diversity of God's creation.
- We respond to the injustice and oppression that LGBTQIA people experience through systems and institutions, and through personal experience, by speaking out, showing up and providing service to those who are impacted.
- We participate in the public life of the church, bringing visibility to LGBTQIA people.

OUR VISION

The Embrace Ministry within Luther Place will be part of all the efforts to embody a community that looks and feels like God's dream for creation in its beautiful expansiveness, and where all who are LGBTQIA are called to walk with Christ and one another. The Embrace Ministry will use our gifts to act in the world and build the beloved community to offer:

- **Worship** – Embrace will support worship life at Luther Place, offering leadership especially during Pride Month services and Reconciling in Christ Sunday.
- **Spiritual Growth** – Embrace will support the spiritual development of LGBTQIA people and the Luther Place community through organized contemplation, study, and reflection.
- **Community Care** – Embrace will provide opportunities for LGBTQIA people in the congregation to know, learn about, and support each other through regular opportunities for mutual ministry, service, and social connection.
- **Justice** – Embrace stands in solidarity with LGBTQIA people seeking just treatment by religious, civil, and other authorities, participating in prophetic movements and social actions to bring change to systems, institutions, and society.
- **Hospitality** – Embrace recognizes the diversity among LGBTQIA people and strives to a ministry that reflects the expansiveness of God's creation through shared leadership, continuous evaluation, and discernment of cross-sectional impacts.