



**Called to Love
at Church of the Master, UMC**

“Called to Love” lives into our shared baptismal covenant to resist evil, injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. We celebrate God’s gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and

pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.

“Called to Love” works within Church of the Master and our city of Westerville to facilitate education and communication around the complex topics of gender identity and sexual orientation. We offer an environment of support and community for LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer) persons and allies, transforming the church into a fuller expression of Christ’s inclusive love.

October 1, 2021

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Creator of All People,

We give You thanks for calling us to share Your love and grace.

Inspire our conversation, that we may be challenged to love as you love.

Embolden our lives, so that we may be beacons to those pushed to the margins.

Empower our voices, so that we may speak for those too scared to speak.

Enliven our witness, that Your love and grace may show in all we do.

Be with us now as we walk our path in love.

Praying in Your Holy Name. Amen

Conversation Guidelines (Unison):

- **We seek to provide support for LGBTQ+ persons, their families, friends, and other allies, regardless of church affiliation.**
 - **We come to have honest and respectful conversations, to question, to learn from one another, and to gain new understanding.**
 - **We agree that anything personal spoken here is absolutely confidential and must not be shared outside the group.**
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Community Report – Emily & Ainsley Patterson

Content & Conversation:

1. Bloom’s Taxonomy

2. Unknown Terminology Brainstorm

3. LGBTQ+ Terminology: The Importance of Educating Yourself

<https://youtu.be/XEKqnVyroBk>

4. LGBTQ+ Suicide prevention

5. What are Pronouns?

<https://youtu.be/3xpvricekxU>

Group Discussion:

1. Resolving our Unknown Terminology

2. Sharing our personal impact, questions and stories

Closing Prayer

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<https://chmaster.org/called-to-love>

We'll look forward to seeing you at our next meeting:
Monday, November 15 at 7pm in the Sanctuary!