

YOU WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME

for SATB voices, accompanied

Jake Huntley

Text adapted from:
Rev. Wendi Gillan

NOTES FROM THE COMPOSER

This piece was created to be an anthem for those who may not have the strongest voice of their own. The text is from a powerful sermon by Rev. Wendi Gillan, formerly of St. Timothy's United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls, IA. It was given the Sunday after a decision in the United Methodist Church to uphold the prohibition of same-sex marriages and the ordination of LGBTQ+ clergy. As an employee of St. Tim's, I had seen how hard our church had fought to persuade UMC members to vote the other way, which made the result that much harder to bear.

Pastor Wendi gave the following sermon to her congregation, ensuring all of us that we were welcome. We were loved, we were accepted, and we were enough. Despite what was voted upon, and what some officials preached, she and our church would not stand for the type of bigotry that was portrayed. This is where I got the message for *You Will Always Be Welcome*, and it's my sincere hope that the piece will carry this spirit with each performance.

TEXT

Hear me, loudly and clearly.
My heart is breaking for you.
And with you.
Their actions do not reflect us
Or how we live.
We live with compassion,
We live with inclusion,
We live with love for all.

We are a great diversity,
We have a variety of people here.
You are a child of God,
Created and loved
Uniquely as you are.
You are welcome here.
You will always be welcome here.

ABOUT THE COMPOSER



Jake Huntley (b. 1996) is an Iowa-based composer and educator of choral music. Praised for its unique style and wonderful harmonies, Jake's music combines many musical elements together to create stunning works. His pieces have been performed by collegiate and high school ensembles alike, including the Wartburg College Ritterchor, Festeburg, and the Mason City High School Varsity Choir. He teaches grades 3-12 vocal music in southeastern Iowa, and has earned a Bachelor of Music Education from Wartburg College in Waverly, IA. He currently lives in southeastern Iowa with his fiancée, Andrea, and their dog, Coda.

For more information or to view more of his pieces, please visit jakehuntleymusic.com.

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My heart My heart is break - ing My My heart My heart is break - ing My My heart My heart is break - ing My

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heart is break - ing break - ing for you, for you, heart is break - ing break - ing for you, for you, heart is break - ing break - ing for you, and heart is break - ing break - ing for you, and

and with you. Their ac-tions

and with you. Their ac-tions

with you. Their ac-tions

with you. Their ac-tions

rit..

♩ = 84

do not re-flect us or how we live. We live with com

do not re-flect us or how we live. We live with com

do not re-flect us or how we live. We live with com

do not re-flect us or how we live. We live with com

mf

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pas - sion, We live with in - clu - sion, We live with

pas - sion, We live with in - clu - sion, We live with

pas - sion, We live with in - clu - sion, We live with

pas - sion, We live with in - clu - sion, We live with

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COMPOSER.**

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40

♩ = 80

We are a great di-
 We are a great di-
 We are a great di - ver-si-ty. We are a great di - ver-si-ty. We are a great di-
 We are a great di - ver-si-ty. We are a great di - ver-si-ty. We are a great di-

♩ = 80

46

ver-si-ty. We are a great di - ver-si-ty. We have a va - ri-e-ty of peo-ple here. We
 ver-si-ty. We are a great di - ver-si-ty. We have a va - ri-e-ty of peo-ple here. We
 ver-si-ty. We are a great di - ver-si-ty. We are a great di - ver - si-ty.
 ver-si-ty. We are a great di - ver-si-ty. We are a great di - ver - si-ty.

rit.

♩ = 80

f

f

f

f

♩ = 80

f

have a va - ri - e - ty of peo - ple here.

You are a child_ of

have a va - ri - e - ty of peo - ple here.

You are a child of

We are a great di - ver - si - ty. ...peo - ple here.

You are a child_ of

We are a great di - ver - si - ty. ...peo - ple here.

You are a child of

cresc.

rit.

God. Cre - a - ted and loved u - nique - ly as you are... You are a child_ of God. Cre

God. Cre - a - ted and loved u - nique - ly as you are... You are a child of God. Cre

God. Cre - a - ted and loved u - nique - ly as you are... You are a child_ of God. Cre

God. Cre - a - ted and loved u - nique - ly as you are... You are a child of God. Cre

♩ = 80

60

slight rit. **ff**

a-ted and loved u - nique-ly as you are. You are wel-come

a-ted and loved u - nique-ly as you are. You are wel-come

a-ted and loved u - nique-ly as you are. You are wel-come

a-ted and loved u - nique-ly as you are. You are wel-come

ff

♩ = 80

slight rit. **ff**

You are wel-come

64

rit.

here. You will al-ways be wel-come here. You are wel-come here.

here. You will al-ways be wel-come here. You are wel-come here.

here. You will al-ways be wel-come here. You are wel-come here.

here. You will al-ways be wel-come here. You are wel-come here.

rit.

rit.

69 $\text{♩} = 58$ *molto rubato* $\text{♩} = 80$

pp
You will al - ways be wel - come here.

pp
You will al - ways be wel - come here.

pp
You will al - ways be wel - come here.

pp
You will al - ways be wel - come here.

$\text{♩} = 58$ $\text{♩} = 80$

p

72 *rit.*

rit.



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