

## Reconciling United Methodist Churches of Silicon Valley

n Sunday, August 27th, Silicon Valley Pride will hold its annual Pride event in downtown San Jose. And once again, the Reconciling United Methodist Chuches of Silicon Valley will demonstrate our message of radical hospitality and love for all God's creation by standing along side our LGBTQ+ siblings in Christ.

You are invited and encouraged to show your love and support by walking with us. The parade begins at 10:30 AM near Julian and Market Street and ends a short half-mile away at Plaza de César Chávez Park. The only thing you need to bring is a comfortable pair of walking shoes, some sun screen and a love filled spirit. Please arrive around 9:30 and find us by asking Parade Staff for directions to the United Methodist Church contingent or looking for a very large inflatable Jesus.





*Warm up your singing voice!* We have assembled a list of familiar hymns and songs of love and liberation that we may sing along the parade route. We will be handing out lyrics at the event so no need to memorize. Even if you dont sing, walk with us. Aquaint yourself with the lyrics and music <u>here</u>.

Let our feet move as a community in faith and love. This year with the help of Latizmo, we will be dancing a simple yet moving line-like-dance at various points along the parade route. It is a very simple and fun dance. Visit the ChurchComingOut Facebook page and watch a youtube instruction video for this dance. Even if you have two left feet and can't dance, walk with us. Visit here to learn the simple dance steps and see it performed.



*An inter-fath worship service will be held immdiately prior to the parade.* Worship will begin at 8:45 at the Unitarian Church as 160 N 3rd St, San Jose, CA 95112. The 45 minute service will include representatives from the Jewish, Islamic, Catholic, and other Protestant denominations that affirm and extend God's love for His LGBTQ+ children. Won't you please join us!

Join us in this important reconciling ministry that not only "Opens Hearts, Minds, and Doors, but also our Arms." Let us reach out as a community in faith and transformation. You are invited and encouraged to join the organizing group that will be meeting at Alum Rock UMC on Monday, August 14th at 7pm. Your hands are needed as we prepare for this event. To learn more about volunteer opportunities for this event, visit the ChurchComingOut Facebook page. Go here to volunteer.

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