

## **Proud: A Pride Day Service Responsive Reading**

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One: Today, Pride Day, we affirm with joy that we are proud.

Many: We are proud to be lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, and questioning.

One: We are proud to have survived and thrived despite challenges to our dignity, well-being, and sometimes even our lives.

Many: We are proud to be heterosexual and cisgender allies.

One: We are proud to live and work in solidarity with our LGBTQ friends and family.

Many: Together, we build the Beloved Community.

One: We and those we love have been judged, mistreated, assaulted

Many: But we are here and we are proud.

One: We and those we love have been stereotyped and have faced discrimination

Many: But we are here and we are proud.

One: We have seen those we love beaten to death and gunned down

Many: But we are here and we are proud.

One: We are together, and we are proud

All: And together, we build the Beloved Community. Watch as it grows among us even now.