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Auburn NY PRIDE 2021
Third annual Interfaith Service at Westminster Presbyterian Church

Auburn, NY – On Wednesday, June 30, 2021, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 17 William Street, will host the third annual Interfaith LGBTQ+ PRIDE Service. This year's event is themed "Rejoice, Rebirth, Reclaim," and will feature live music and a diverse array of community voices. The free, community event will begin at 7 p.m.

"Through the rhythm of joy, rebirth, and restoration, strangers shall become friends. Together, we will light candles. Pray. Talk. Speak poetry. Tell stories. Dance to music. You don't want to miss this incredible convergence of wisdom, spirituality, and an outpouring of love. All are welcome, whether religious or not, whatever your spiritual or cultural tradition," Reverend Patrick Heery, of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The service will be both in-person (with appropriate precautions) and livestreamed on the church's Facebook page. Sponsors and participants include the Osborne Family Foundation, City of Auburn and its Historic and Cultural Sites Commission, Auburn Public Theater, Equal Rights Heritage Center, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Saints Peter and John Episcopal Church, and more.

Parking is available in the William Street parking lot beside the church; Court Street parking lot behind the church; Auburn parking garage across from the church and Equal Rights Heritage Center. The event will be interpreted in American Sign Language. The church is accessible by ramp at the side entrance from the Court Street parking lot. Accessible and gender-neutral facilities on premise.

In addition to the Interfaith PRIDE Service, the City of Auburn New York's Historic and Cultural Sites Commission and community partners are proud to collaboratively celebrate Auburn NY PRIDE 2021 with a commemorative T-shirt. The shirt and event poster were designed by local artist Blake Chamberlain. Pieces of Chamberlain's artwork will be on view at the Equal Rights Heritage Center.

You can find these limited-edition celebratory shirts for sale at the following downtown Auburn locations while supplies last:

- Cafe 108, 108 Exchange Street
- NYS Equal Rights Heritage Center, 25 South Street
- Cayuga Museum of History and Art, 203 Genesee Street

PRIDE T-shirts are available in sizes S–3XL, and cost $20.00 per shirt; proceeds from the sale of the shirts will be used to fund future Auburn NY PRIDE month programming.

The shirts will also be on sale at the "Rejoice, Rebirth, Reclaim" Auburn's Third Annual Interfaith LGBTQ+ Pride Service at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Auburn, NY Wednesday. June 30, 2021, at 7 p.m.

For more information, call (315) 258-9820 or visit www.auburnnypride.com

City of Auburn Historic & Cultural Sites Commission
The mission of Auburn's Historic & Cultural Sites Commission is to support its designated organizations to achieve their missions through collaborative marketing, programming, and tourism strategies. The vision of the Commission is to position Auburn as the destination of choice in the Finger Lakes through support and promotion of its history and culture.

Equal Rights Heritage Center
The Equal Rights Heritage Center is the official welcome center and tourism hub for the City of Auburn, NY. It serves to shine a light on New York's equal rights heritage, as well as, the historical, cultural, and entertainment assets the City of Auburn has to offer in a welcoming and educational manner. Learn more: visitauburnny.com

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