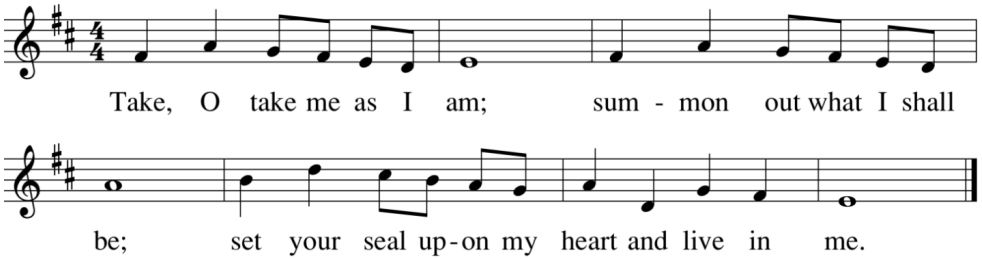
The following are participating in this service:
Jildou de Jong, Nick Everts (Mennonite Pastor), DuoDulcimo (Leo and Jan), Eeuwe Zijlstra (organ)

Today's collection is for the pink cube for 'Our Exquisite Corpse - A participatory artwork'. Explanation during the celebration.
Donations can be made via pin.

Welcome

Openingsong 'Take, O take me as I am'

Sing repeatedly until all the candles are lit.



Introduction

Reading: gender-neutral version of proverb 31: 10 t/m 31

Who can find a strong person?

Such a person is worth more than precious stones; their loved ones can trust them and reap benefits, for they bring prosperity, not trouble, all the days of their life.

They search out wool and linen, spinning and weaving with joy. Like a merchant ship sailing to distant lands, they bring in from afar whatever is needed. They rise early, care for those around them, and set people in motion. If they set their mind on a field, it is bought. From what is earned, a vineyard is planted.

They are full of vigor, tirelessly at work. Trading comes naturally to them; their lamp does not go out at night. Their hands are ever on the distaff, fingers always grasping the spindle. Their hands reach out to the needy; they give help to the poor.

Snow does not trouble their household: they have clothed them in scarlet. They make the finest blankets, and wear garments of linen and purple wool. Their loved ones hold a place of respect in the city, meeting with the elders at the gate. They produce clothing and belts, supplying them to merchants. Strength and dignity shine in their presence; they face the days to come with laughter. They speak words of wisdom; their counsel is marked by loving instruction. They watch over their household; idleness is unknown to them. Children and partners rise and praise this person, proclaiming: "Many are strong, but this one surpasses them all."

Charm is deceptive and beauty fades, but one who stands in awe of what is holy deserves praise. May they enjoy the fruit of their work, may their deeds be honored in the gates.

Music

Quilting and Queers | 1

Music: improvisation Charli XCX 'Apple'

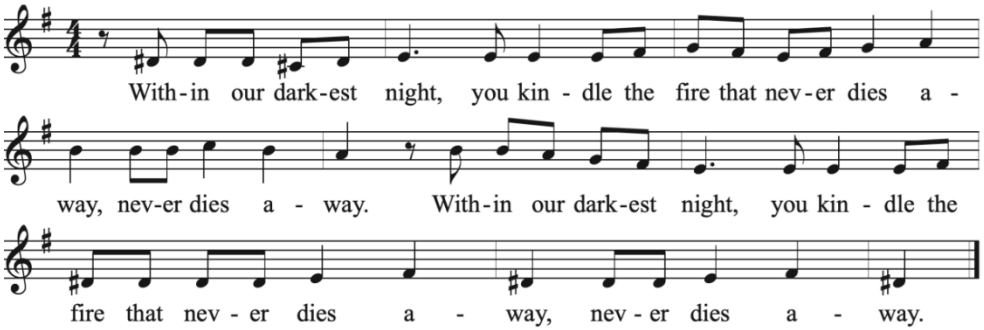
Quilting and Queers | 2

Music: Righteous Brothers - Unchained Melody (DuoDolcimo)
In the meantime, write down on the paper an answer to the following question:

"What affirming message would you have liked to receive in search for your identity?"

The answers will be collected later.

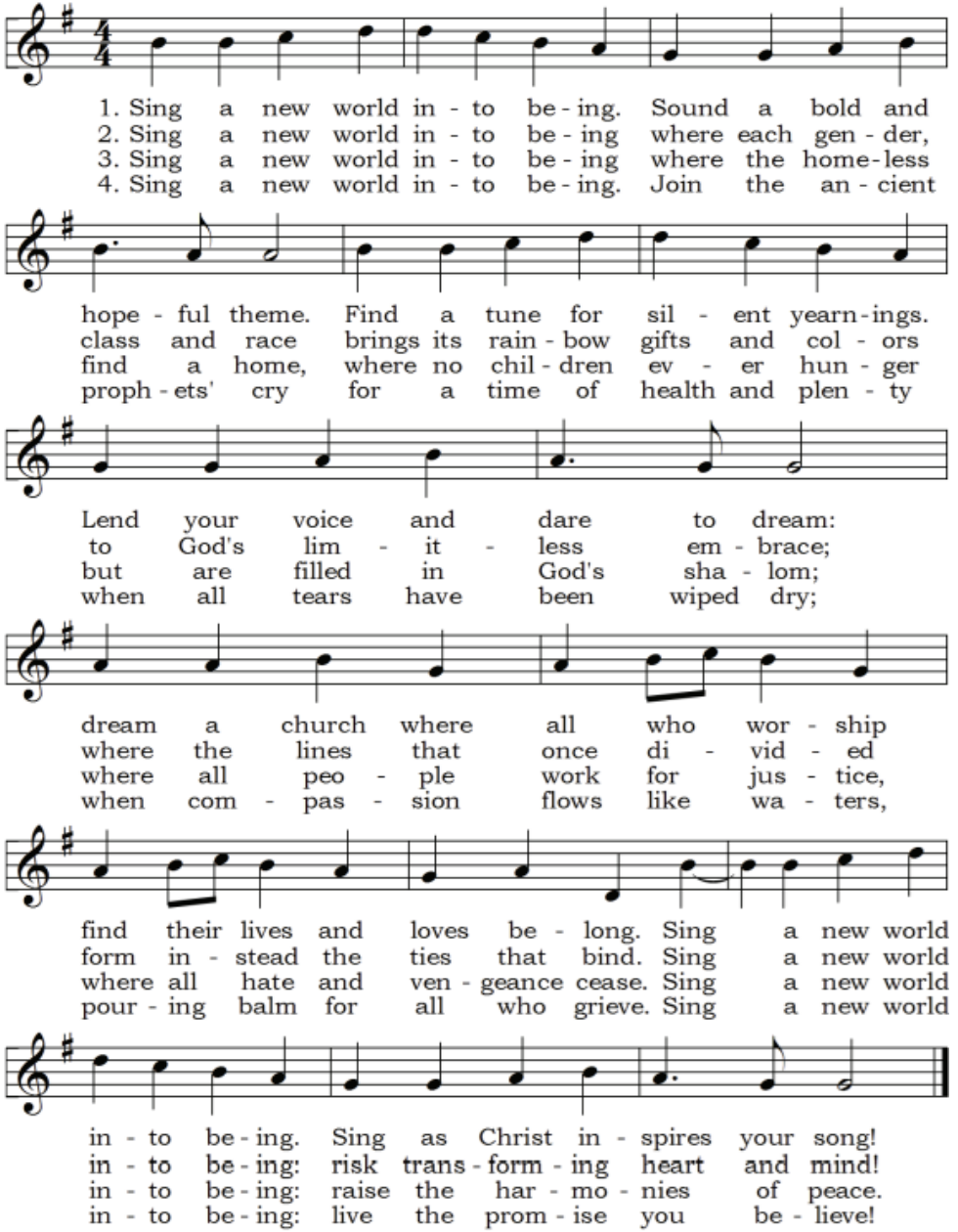
Meditation / prayer

Light Ceremony
Sharing light, singing repetitively. After the last song you can place the candle in the candle holder or take it home.

Two sentimental listening songs (DuoDolcimo)

- **Kalverliefde / Puppy love**
- **Romeo & Julio**

Blessing

Sing a new world into Being
Standing if possible.

'Sing a new world into Being'

Thank you for coming! Feel free to join us for a drink.

Be proud of who you are