



Calgary's 2026 City-Wide Pride Interfaith Service Aug 30 @ 7:00 pm

Hello, on behalf of the City-Wide Pride organizing team, I'm pleased to invite you to attend Calgary's 2026 City-Wide Pride Interfaith Service. The service will take place:

Sunday, August 30, 2026 @ 7:00 pm

McDougall United Church (8516 Athabasca Street SE, Calgary)

This gathering carries particular importance in our current social and political climate. Across Alberta, many members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, especially transgender and gender-diverse people, are facing increased scrutiny, uncertainty, and hostility. In this context, the public presence of affirming faith communities and community organizations matters. This service offers an opportunity to stand together, make support visible, and affirm that 2SLGBTQIA+ people are valued, celebrated, and deserving of safety, dignity, and belonging.

This annual gathering brings together people from across Calgary's diverse faith communities, community organizations, and 2SLGBTQIA+ communities for an evening of reflection, celebration, solidarity, and hope. This year's theme is **Water + Light**, gesturing toward the ingredients of a rainbow. The theme reflects the symbolic importance of the rainbow to Pride, along with the significance of water and light as fundamental ingredients for life itself. It offers a reminder of our shared responsibility to nourish, support, and protect one another in challenging times.

Following the service, there will be an opportunity for people to remain, connect with one another, and learn more about resources available throughout the community. We would be delighted to welcome you and invite you to consider hosting a small information or resource table during this time.

A table could include brochures, program information, contact details, upcoming opportunities, or other resources that may be helpful to members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and their families, friends, and allies. There is no cost to participate.

Whether you are able to host a table, share this invitation with your networks, or simply join us for the service, your presence would be warmly welcomed. Please let me know if you may be interested in participating or if you have any questions about the event or resource-table arrangements.

With appreciation,

(Rev.) Bill Weaver (*he/him*)

Pastoral Care Minister &

Affirming Ministries Lead

McDougall, Ogden, &

Red Deer Lake United Churches