



February 2020 ❤️

BELOVED EVERYBODY CHURCH

An ability-inclusive community. Following Jesus and celebrating the God-given gifts of people of all abilities.

Jesus says, "You are the light of the world." I like even more what Jesus doesn't say. He does not say, "One day, if you are more perfect and try really hard, you'll be light." He doesn't say, "If you play by the rules, cross your T's and dot your I's, then maybe you'll become light." No. He says, straight out, "You are light." It is the truth of who you are, waiting only for you to discover it.

-Fr. Greg Boyle

Tattoos on the Heart



Holding our guiding Epiphany Stars for 2020

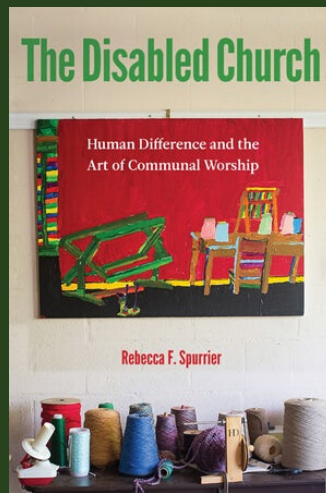
A COUPLE OF RESOURCES WE'RE LOVING THIS MONTH

Rebecca Spurrier's book *The Disabled Church: Human Difference and the Art of Communal Worship* is a beautiful exploration of what it means to be a truly diverse community and how multiple modes of expression and communication make for a deeper worship experience for everyone.



In honor of Black History month, the organization Respectability has put together a list of African-Americans with disabilities and some of their contributions to culture and to the well-being of people with and without disabilities in the U.S. It's well worth checking out!

<https://www.respectability.org/2018/02/highlighting-african-americans-disabilities-honor-black-history-month/>



★ Grateful for

- A few new connections with leaders in the disability community in our local neighborhood, and opportunities to share about our inclusive church community with them.
- The most recent meeting of the Housing and Homelessness task force of the Presbytery and the energy and passion to explore options for creating innovative, inclusive housing where people with diverse abilities and life situations can live in supported community here in LA.

♥ Prayer Requests

- For Pastor Bethany and Michael as they move toward welcoming an adult with disabilities to share life in their home - for the process to move along and for the right person to come their way.
- Continued prayers that folks who would love to be part of a community like ours will see our Facebook ads or hear about us in other ways, and that God would open their hearts and ours!
- Especially for ways to connect with folks with intellectual or developmental disabilities living in local group homes.

Upcoming Events

- **Sunday, Feb 9**, 1-3pm: Monthly gathering at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2230 W. Jefferson Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90018. Theme: God Comforts Us.
- **Friday, Feb 14**, 7-9pm: Valentine's Day Dance Party! Monthly dance for folks with developmental disabilities and family/friends. Get your groove on with us at the Culver City Senior Center, 4095 Overland Ave, Culver City, CA 90232.
- **Saturday, Feb 29**, 7-9pm: One of our members (and friends!), Stevie, plays on a basketball team called the Special Maccabees. They'll be having their big game at the Westside Jewish Community Center, 5870 W Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90036. Come hang out and let's all cheer him on!

Support Beloved Everybody

We cannot do this ministry alone! We are grateful for your support of our ministry in the following ways:

Prayer: Joining us in prayer for the requests listed above.

Spreading the Word: Share about Beloved Everybody on social media, with your friends, and other interested groups and organizations.

Donate by Credit Card: Visit belovedeverybody.org and click DONATE.

Donate by Check: email us at belovedeverybody@gmail.com for our mailing address.

So grateful for your prayers and support of all kinds. Thank you!

