

## **A Litany of Disability and Belonging**

*In Observance of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act  
July 26, 2020*

**Leader:** Creator God, you have made each of us in your image, called us your own, and gathered us as family; yet, we have chosen to make gods of our own abilities. We worship our own intellect, and close our doors to those different from ourselves. Forgive our failure to see your face in our neighbor. God of welcome,

**People: MAKE US A PEOPLE OF BELONGING.**

**Leader:** Healing God, mend our attitudes toward disability and open to us the opportunity for a richer community. Forgive us for our selfish exclusion and lead us to confront our own discomfort and vulnerability. Move us from pity into partnership, and from benevolence into communion. God of welcome,

**People: MAKE US A PEOPLE OF BELONGING.**

**Leader:** Loving God, today we celebrate the family you have called together—those whose differences include the physical, the intellectual, the sensory, and the neurodiverse; open our hearts to those who face challenges to their mental health, and to all those whose stories we do not know. Lead us to honor all whom you have created. God of welcome,

**People: MAKE US A PEOPLE OF BELONGING.**

**Leader:** Living God, move among us today and keep us mindful that we are a community that is created, claimed and bound together as we are. Teach us to listen, to speak against injustice, to seek equality, to build relationships, and to become the community of faith you have called us to be. God of welcome,

**People: MAKE US A PEOPLE OF BELONGING. AMEN.**

### **A Prayer of Belonging**

God who made us all, you have woven your tapestry in all creation and your majesty shines forth in the infinite wonder of your imagination. We rejoice in the works of your loving hand and we give thanks this day for the inherent dignity of all your people. Humble us when we fail to look beyond human disability, and lead us to bring honor to all those you have created. Throw open the doors that we have kept closed and grant us the wisdom to make our buildings, our communities, and our lives places of belonging for all. In your loving embrace we pray. Amen.