

Welcome Home, LGBTQ Friends, to Religious and Spiritual Family!

Bentley Chaplain recommended resources for your spiritual well-being:

*Click on **any logo** or links to visit the website; please see 2 pages.*

General Resources:



- Human Rights Campaign: [Religion and Faith](#). Multi-faith and multi-cultural resources for joy and justice in your faith community. *Coming Out* guides, worship resources, sacred text studies, positions of religions, community organizing and advocacy.



- [Institute for Welcoming Resources](#) International index of welcoming congregations and numerous multi-faith resources.



- [Q Christian Fellowship](#) An ecumenical spiritual home with many opportunities for Christian community. [The Bible. Every Week. Queered](#). A podcast that gives an LGBTQ perspective on the Sunday Lectionary (weekly scriptures).

- Soulforce: Christian [Intersectional justice](#) , Christian [Queer Theology](#)

- Trans Journey: [Beyond a Binary God](#)



Specific Faith Communities:



- Baptist [Welcoming and Affirming](#)

- Buddhist [Queer History](#), [Queer Dharma](#)

- Catholic: organizations advocating for better inclusion within the church: [Equally Blessed](#); Coming Home to [Catholicism](#); [Fortunate Families](#)

-Video of Fr. James Martin, SJ [Spiritual Insight for LGBT Catholics](#)

- Episcopalian [Integrity USA](#)

- Evangelical Christian: [Rescuing Jesus](#), [The Evangelical Network](#)

- Disciples of Christ [Open and Affirming](#)

- Hindu [Third Gender](#) and [LGBT Rights](#)

- Jewish [Equality](#)

- Lutheran [full inclusion](#)

- Mormon (LDS) [Affirmation](#)

- Muslim [MASGD](#) Alliance for Sexual and Gender Diversity

- Presbyterian [More Light](#)

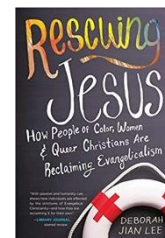
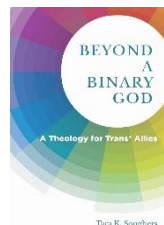
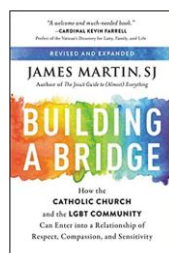
- United Church of Christ (UCC) [Open and Affirming](#)

- United Methodist (UMC) [Reconciling Ministries](#) Network

- Unitarian Universalist (UUA) [Welcome and Equality](#)



This list is *far from exhaustive*. Don't see your faith community represented? Have another resource to recommend? Let us know! GA_SpiritualLife@Bentley.edu





PRIDE MONTH

June 2021

Dear Beloved Bentley,

We join our campus in celebrating PRIDE month, affirming the gifts and graces of all of God’s children. We lament that our LGBTQ friends have not always found a genuine welcome in religious institutions; in Bentley Spiritual Life we welcome you just as you are- stamped by the divine imprint- and together we journey to abundant life in Spirit. God created you. God does not make mistakes.

Every religious tradition has supportive queer communities. Some have polity and theology united in absolute welcome, and some have minority movements working towards this inclusion. It takes some research to find a safe place.

Our chaplains have curated these resources for you, each with a link for easy access. You’ll also find print resources and caring community awaiting you in the Sacred Space.

All our chaplains are Ally trained, and any religious group wishing to be on campus signs a covenant to uphold Bentley values, with LGBTQ inclusion highlighted.

May we all grow in SPIRIT, and HAPPY PRIDE MONTH!

Psalm 139: 13-18

For it was you who formed my inward parts;
 you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;
 that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you,
 when I was being made in secret,
 intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written
 all the days that were formed for me,
 when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
 How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
 I come to the end^[a]—I am still with you.

We are here for you.

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