**A Litany for Access Sunday**

*Hanging on the front of the table is a “loom” with the “warp” made up of green fabric. Our “weaver” will receive different fabrics for the “weft” and weave them into the warp as the following is spoken. Readers should be male and female, younger, older, people of different ethnicities, and people with various visible disabilities.)*

*Reader 1: (comes from congregation, hands the Weaver another piece of fabric, says)*

Our God is the Great Weaver,

who from the loom of diverse human experience

weaves different colors, textures, shapes, sizes, and abilities together,

creating one beautiful work of art we call humanity.

*Reader 2: (comes from congregation, hands the Weaver another piece of fabric, says)*

Because God has welcomed us,

we are to welcome one another.

In the Body of Christ we are given opportunities

to learn from each other’s trials and triumphs,

and to share in each other’s struggles and joys.

**Congregation sings:**

**Weave, weave, weave us together,**

**Weave us together in unity and love,**

**Weave, weave, weave us together,**

**Weave us together, together in love**

*Reader 3: (comes from congregation, hands the Weaver another piece of fabric, says)*

Today is access Sunday,

a day when we celebrate unity in the Body of Christ,

a day when we remember that we are all different,

and different does not mean deficient, it simply means different;

and we belong together, because we belong to God.

*Reader 4: (comes from congregation, hands the Weaver another piece of fabric, says)*

Some of us communicate in different ways.

Some of us see differently.

Some of us live with moods difficult to control.

Some of us hear less.

*Reader 5: (comes from congregation, hands the Weaver another piece of fabric, says)*

Some of us use wheelchairs.

Some of us walk differently.

Some of us have voices that aren’t verbal.

**Congregation sings:**

**Weave, weave, weave us together,**

**Weave us together in unity and love,**

**Weave, weave, weave us together,**

**Weave us together, together in love**

*Reader 6: (comes from congregation, hands the Weaver another piece of fabric, says)*

Some of us process information differently.

Some of us are in recovery from addiction.

Some of us have brain chemistries that need help to be regulated.

Some of us are temporarily abled.

*Reader 7: (comes from congregation, hands the Weaver another piece of fabric, says)*

Each with disabilities; we know limitations and challenge.

Each with abilities; we seek fulfillment and wholeness.

We all are vulnerable and seek the shelter of an inclusive community.

We all are transformed by invitation, access and affirmation.

*(A person who has difficulty reading hands the Weaver another piece of fabric and stands with the others.)*

*(Reader 1: invites the congregation to rise in body or in Spirit and to say together)*

**Each of us has a gift to offer,**

**Each of us provides a unique perspective,**

**Each longs for affirmation, acceptance, and empowerment,**

**Each is a beautiful strand in the tapestry of God’s love.**

*Congregation sings:*

**Weave, weave, weave us together,**

**Weave us together in unity and love,**

**Weave, weave, weave us together,**

**Weave us together, together in love.**

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