

Sample Congregational Affirmations for Standing on the Side of Love Sunday

By our presence here today we bear witness.
We have spoken our names aloud and claimed our years together.
We have formed a listening silence to hold and honor the naming.
We who have spoken and we who have listened now stand together in witness.

We bear witness to courage:
the turn of our hearts that bids us to new speech and new action
in the name of justice.

We bear witness to commitment:
the promise made and kept,
the steadfast will that anchors us even in the high storm winds.

We bear witness to love:
we say that love is holy and ancient and powerful.

Here we bless the love between women.
Here we bless the love between men.
Here we say that where love arises,
All is blessed. All is blessed. All is blessed.

Rev. Kathleen McTigue

We celebrate equality:
Tender shoots pushing through prejudice,
Seeking the sun.

We celebrate conscience
That tugs at the soul
And bends the will to justice.

We celebrate commitment:
Hearts conjoined in covenant,

Steadfast in the storm.

We celebrate love:
Living water,
Unquenchable fire,
Breath of the holy.

When your love is denounced, we celebrate you.
When your dignity is denied, we embrace you.
When your rights are threatened, we stand with you.
Whatever the future holds,
This sanctuary will always be your sanctuary.

We bless the love here declared.
May its light guide us through the long night
Into the dawn of the coming day.

Rev. Fred Small