

Transgender and Christian: A Coming Out and Coming Home Story



Saturday, April 29

Spirit of Hope UMC

7600 Harold Avenue, Golden Valley

Too often the world tells transgender people that they must choose between their identity or their faith. But what if there was a third option? Join author and theologian Austen Hartke as he shares his experience coming out as a transgender Christian, from his childhood in non-affirming churches to his years in seminary, and now as an educator for faith communities worldwide. Together we'll learn more about our transgender neighbors, pick up tools for crafting a wider welcome, and imagine what it might be like to build a church that works for justice and abundant life for all. Austen (he/him) is a graduate of Luther Seminary's Master of Arts program in Old Testament/Hebrew Bible Studies.

Schedule

11:30 Social Time

Noon Potluck - bring a dish to share

1-2:30 Program



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