

About Tree of Life MCC

Tree of Life MCC was established in 1991 to meet spiritual needs in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Communities and their friends. We strive to be open and affirming of all races, genders, sexual orientations, and faith traditions. We don't just tolerate diversity, we celebrate it! God didn't create us to have someone to sit around and hate. God loves you!

About UFMCC

We are a church of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC) www.mcccchurch.org There are MCC churches in 22 countries with over 43,000 members. UFMCC is the largest LGBT organization in the world and the first to own property in the US. Local church worship styles vary widely, and many theological views are to be found in our pastors and laypeople.

Inclusive Language

Because we want to exclude no one, we use inclusive language for persons. Because we believe that any one metaphor is inadequate when speaking of the Divine, we use inclusive language for God in our worship services. This means that you may hear many different metaphors, and pronouns referring to Deity may be masculine, feminine, or neutral.

Worship at Tree of Life MCC

We meet for worship on Sundays at 10:30 am, and for classes, discussions, and social events at various times. Our worship style borrows from many sources.

We follow the Christian calendar and usually use a liturgical format. Diversity of music styles is also present.

We try to vary worship to meet the needs and preferences of those in the congregation. While we are a Christian church, we honor and respect other spiritual paths.

We dress informally and welcome any clothing that helps you feel at home with us.

Communion

Tree of Life MCC offers communion (Eucharist) to all people present each week. We use non-alcoholic juice. You do not need to be a member of any church to receive. Instructions are given each week, as the style sometimes varies. Most often, people come forward to serve themselves or each other. Optional prayers of blessing are offered at the side of the room.

Anointing with oil

Anointing with oil for healing is available on request, usually during communion. The pastor will invite others to come and lay hands on the person who has requested this special form of prayer. Those remaining seated may also wish to pray for the person being anointed.

Becoming a member

Anyone willing to worship with a Christian church may become a member by taking a membership class and participating in a rite of membership. We don't tell you what to believe, we encourage you to examine and grow your own faith and spiritual practice.

You do not need to leave your current church, nor will they be notified in any way. Your Membership in Tree of Life MCC is confidential.

Baptism

We recognize baptism from any Christian tradition. We baptize adults, usually by immersion, and infants, usually by sprinkling. Occasionally a person requests rebaptism as a person with an openly queer identity.

Other services

- Friendship time after worship
- Social events throughout the year
- Bible Study and Adult Education
- Holy unions (weddings)
- Social action

Tree of Life MCC worships at:

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Ann Arbor, MI

Across from \aut\ bar
Near Fourth Avenue and Catherine St.

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Metropolitan Community Church

WELCOME!

Rooted in Grace

We believe God's unconditional love extends to all persons. We share this good news with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered communities and their allies.

Growing in Love

We seek to love one another as Christ loves us, by being a caring Christian community.

Branching Out to Serve

We participate in social justice ministries, education, a.i.d.s. ministries, and other service as God leads and empowers us.