

Glitter + Fire Talking Points:

Overall Purpose of #Gliturgy:

- Make progressive, queer-positive Christians and Christianity visible
- Infuse some life into Christian liturgy by looking at it through a queer lens (a lens that values LGBTQ lives and ruptures false binaries)
- Highlight the gifts the queer clergy bring to the church

What is Glitter+Fire?

- Pentecost is the moment when the Christian movement is born.
- The Holy Spirit divides into tongues of fire to reach people in their native language, the language of home.
- This division does not pit people against each other; it brings them together so that we can keep queering division in the name of Christ!
- We are encouraging Christian communities to use glitter in their Pentecost services to lift up these specific aspects of the Pentecost story

What will churches do?

- We will give churches glitter, liturgical resources, and sermon notes.
- Churches can use this to:
 - offer glitter blessings
 - anoint people with glitter
 - take glitter blessings out into the streets
 - preach a great sermon on these themes

How do churches get involved?

- Go to Parity website, sign up, get glitter, be listed on our map

Theology:

- We Christians say that at Easter Christ vanquished death.
- On Pentecost, the Spirit vanquishes division -- specifically,
 - division between us that gives power to death-dealing forces in our world
- This is the beginning of a new movement that deliberately crosses lines of race, nationality, gender, and class in order to bring us to new and better life
- We'll use glitter to celebrate both the church's birthday and the diversity that is inherent to our movement

Why Glitter?

- Glitter is festive, and it is also a sign of queer empowerment.

- We use glitter to symbolize the Spirit's transgressive movement on Pentecost.
- We use glitter to symbolize the Spirit catching us off guard, commanding our attention.
- We use glitter to symbolize the Spirit encouraging us to stand together against forces of fear and division.
- We use glitter as a sign of hope and persistence.
- *Glitter never gives up; and neither do we.*

How many churches are participating?

- One day after announcing we have 6
- 5 states (IL, WA, CA, WI, OH)
- 4 denominations (Lutheran, MCC, Episcopal and 3 Methodist Churches)

What we said about Glitter+Ash:

“We are Christians who perceive a kind of queerness at work in our faith tradition. To us, this queerness offers hope to the entire church. We think that if the church understood its queer calling better, the church would be healthier for everyone and our Christian witness would be more powerful.”