

The Psalmist sings, "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14) and we at First Mennonite of Iowa City are committed to creating a world where our transgender children, youth, and adults can sing joyfully about who God created them to be.

We believe transgender children, youth, and their families deserve healthcare that will keep them safe so that they can live fully into the wonderful life God desires for them. We believe that families and their children, with the support of educators and medical staff who are trained and equipped to provide compassionate care, have the resources to make good decisions for their children. We lament these anti-transgender laws and pray for the families whose lives are now in turmoil and their children at greater risk. We pray for educators and medical staff whose knowledgeable and compassionate care has been undermined. We pray for our state leaders and pray for repentance.