

# **OUT of Chaos or Stonewall Was A Riot\* Pridetide 2020**

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## **First Reading**     ~ *Genesis 1:1-5*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. But the earth became chaos and emptiness, and darkness came over the face of the deep – yet the Spirit of God was brooding over the surface of the waters.

Then God said, “Let there be Light”, and light was. God saw that light was good, and God separated light from darkness. God called the light “Day” and the darkness “Night”. Evening came, and morning followed – the first day.

## **Second Reading**

~ *from Barbara A. Homes in “Race and the Cosmos: An Invitation to View the World Differently”*

We can't escape death, and we are living and interacting with others on a planet that is hurtling through space, dodging asteroids and other cosmic disasters. If allowed to inhabit our daily conversations, such realities wreak havoc with the simple pleasures of life. To fend off such startling realizations, we weave gossamer webs of habit and familiarity that lull, sustain, and entangle us. And it is difficult to form creative solutions to intransigent problems while dazed. As a result, many have given up hope on a flourishing diverse multicultural society. In the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in the last sermon he preached before he was assassinated, “We must remain awake during a great revolution.”

*\*With a tip of a very big beautiful hat  
to Rev. Delores Berry,  
who almost always had Two Sermon Titles.*