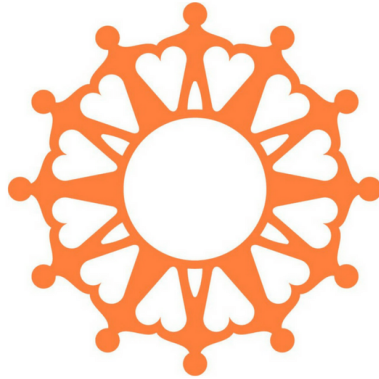


Church of the Ascension

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Days of Human Dignity

Respect Life, Immigration, Racism

February 14th, 2018

HERE I AM, LORD

Dan Schutte

Verses



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who
2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est



1. made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
3. bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

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Respect Life

Terry Lockett

Prayer for Life:

*Almighty God, giver of all that is good,
we thank You for the precious gift of human life:
For life in the womb,
coming from your creative power
For life of the children,
making us glad with their freshness and promise
For the life of young people,
hoping for a better life
For the life of people who are differently abled, teaching us that every life has value.
For the life of the elderly,
witnessing to the ageless values of patience and wisdom.
Like Blessed Mary,
may we always say yes to your gift.
May we defend it and promote it
from conception to its natural end.
And bring us at last, O Father,
to the fullness of eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

**"Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you."
(Jeremiah 1: 4-5)**

Immigration

Josette Goulet

Prayer for Immigration & Migration:

*Lord Jesus, help us by your grace,
To banish fear from our hearts,
that we may embrace each of your children
as our own brother and sister;
To welcome migrants and refugees
with joy and generosity,
while responding to their many needs;
To give witness to your love for all people,
as we celebrate the many gift thy bring.*

*We see in this human family
a reflection of the divine unity
of the one Most Holy Trinity
in whom we make our prayer:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

“When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.”

(Leviticus 19: 33-34)

Come and Journey With Me

Lyrics by David Haas

Come to the song, come to the dance,
Bring all you are, And all you can be.
Come with your voice, come with your heart.
Come and journey with Me.
Come and journey with Me.

Come let the sun fill up your eyes.
Take the time to look around,
And love, just love, & walk with each other,
Come and journey with Me.
Come and journey with Me.

Come and see, come and be.
Be all you are and all you can be,
And leave all behind and calm your mind.
Come and journey with Me.
Come and journey with Me.

Love Your Neighbor

Racism

Reverend Steven Henriksen

Prayer for Peace In Our Communities:

*O Lord our God, in your mercy and kindness,
no thought of ours is left unnoticed,
no desire or concern ignored.
You have proven that blessings abound
when we fall on our knees in prayer,
and so we turn to you in our hour of need.
Surrounded by violence
and cries for justice,
we hear your voice telling us what is required . . .
“Only to do justice and to love goodness,
and to walk humbly with your God” (Mi 6:8).
Fill us with your mercy so that we, in turn,
may be merciful to others.
Strip away pride, suspicion, and racism so that we
may seek peace and justice in our communities.
Strengthen our hearts so that they beat only
to the rhythm of your holy will.
Flood our path with your light
as we walk humbly toward a future
filled with encounter and unity.
Be with us, O Lord, in our efforts,
for only by the prompting of your grace
can we progress toward virtue.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

**“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since
as members of one body you were called to peace.
And be thankful.”**

(Colossians 3: 15)

We Shall Overcome

1. We shall o - ver - come. We shall o - ver -
 2. We'll walk hand in hand. We'll walk hand in
 3. We shall live in peace. We shall live in
 4. We are not a - fraid. We are not a -
 5. God will see us through. God will see us

come. We shall o - ver - come some - day.
 hand. We'll walk hand in hand some - day.
 peace. We shall live in peace some - day.
 fraid. We are not a - fraid to - day.
 through. God will see us through to - day.

Oh, deep in my heart I do be -

lieve. We shall o - ver - come some - day.

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"To encounter means that we just not see but we look, we don't just hear but we listen, we don't just meet and pass by but we stop, we don't just say what a shame, poor people. We treat people in a way that moves us to pity."

— Pope Francis

