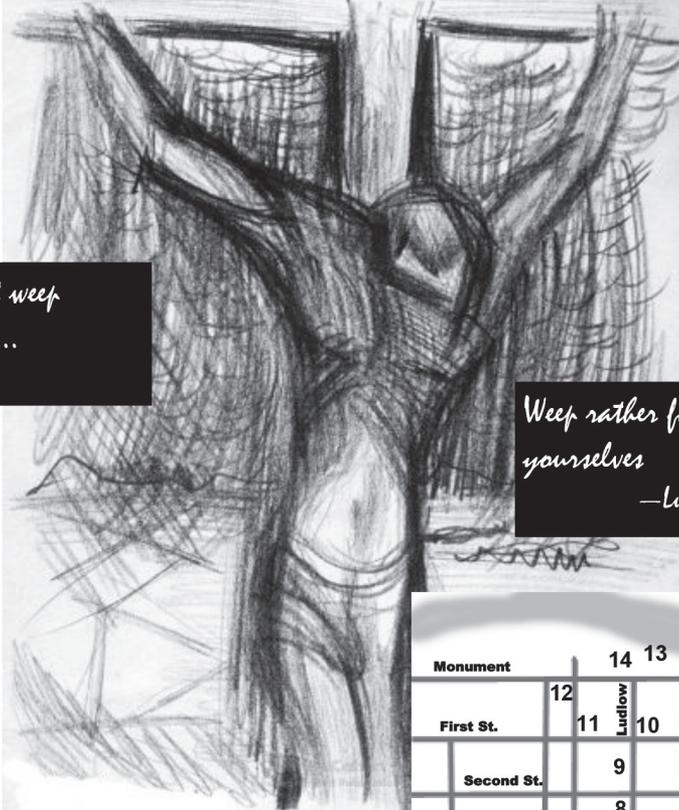


# ***A Walk for Justice and Peace***

## ***Good Friday***

### ***April 19, 2019***



*Do not weep  
for me...*

*Weep rather for  
yourselves*

*—Luke 23:28*

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Welcome to the  
Good Friday Walk for Justice and Peace

Litany

Leader: In the throes of his Passion, our Lord Jesus asked God to forgive those whose sin made his death inevitable.

**People: Lord, forgive us, for we know not what we do.**

Leader: Even after two millennia, our world is still mired in sin, keeping us from becoming who God created us to be. Instead of a world of peace, there is violence, domestic abuse, pornography, and a love for guns. To our Lord, it must seem like the hammer still falls on the nails in his wrists.

**People: Lord, forgive us, for we know not what we do.**

Leader: Instead of a world of peace, we participate in a world where racism is a deep, tearing wound in our lives and increasing numbers of children and adults are being plunged into life-destroying poverty. The hammer still falls on the nails in his wrists.

**People: Lord, forgive us, for we know not what we do.**

Leader: Instead of a world of peace, we have a world where our nation's foreign policy seeks to exploit the natural resources, labor force and markets of other nations and to control trade agreements so that powerful economic interests in the United States prosper, while millions of people suffer and starve. The hammer still falls on the nails in his wrists.

**People: Lord, forgive us, for we know not what we do.**

**Leader:** Instead of a world of peace, we live in a nation in which the rich try to blame the poor, a nation in which slogans replace solutions, a nation in which Christians sleep in homes with empty bedrooms while the homeless lie pressed against steam grates. The hammer still falls on the nails in his wrists.

**People: Lord, forgive us, for we know not what we do.**

**Leader:** Instead of a world of peace, we live in a nation where we convince ourselves that we will feel safer if certain criminals are executed, even though countless studies show that the death penalty is not a deterrent and in fact adds to the perception that violence is a solution. The hammer still falls on the nails in his wrists.

**People: Lord, forgive us, for we know not what we do.**

**Leader:** Instead of a world of peace, violence is done against the health of our planet. Yet Genesis tells us that when God surveyed creation in its natural state, God declared it good. The hammer still falls on the nails in his wrists.

**People: Lord, forgive us for we know not what we do.**

**Leader:** Instead of a world of peace, our religious community is divided. Surrounded by suffering and evil, our churches and synagogues spend most of their resources on themselves. We are called to love others first, yet even so, the hammer still falls on the nails in his wrists.

**People: Lord, forgive us for we know not what we do.**

**Song: Remember Your Love (back cover)**

**First Station: Jesus is Condemned to Death**

**Location: Courthouse Plaza Issue: Racism**

**Reader: Sister Jeanette Buehler, CPPS**

**Member of Catholic Social Action Anti-Racism Task Force**

(Reader) Jesus stands before the power and privilege of Pontius Pilate charged, convicted and sentenced to death. Racism, America's original sin, charges, convicts and denies to persons of color the fullness of life withheld from them by racial segregation and suppression of their God-given dignity and human rights.

**(Then) When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak, Pilate said to them, "Look at the man." (John 19:5)**

(Now) People of color frequently stand judged, convicted and condemned by the color of their skin. How does this play out in our city, considered one of the most segregated cities in America? We need only look at the color separation of our neighborhoods – north vs. south; east side vs. west side. What we experience is the inequality of our schools – inner city vs suburban, those with a strong tax base vs. those with little, if any, economic growth. We see the lack of access to medical care, food markets, affordable, quality housing. How would I describe the neighborhood in which I live? If we look beyond our city to our nation we see systemic racism in the mass incarceration of people of color, in unjustified police shootings, in efforts toward voter suppression. "Behold the man," Pilate said. "Behold, our brothers and sisters," we say.

**(Prayer) God of compassion and mercy, we stand before you charged and convicted of our failure to see all persons as your loved ones. It is our indifference, our apathy, our fear of change that causes us to segregate ourselves from one another. In so doing we condemn ourselves to lives that breed suspicion, hatred and even violence. Change our hearts, O God. Gift us with the wisdom and courage to reach out and embrace the differences that divide us, the differences that could enrich us. We pray in the name of your Son Jesus, condemned that we might be free from the sin of racism. Amen.**

*(Reader) "Racism is not simply about prejudice . . . Racism today remains essentially what it has always been: a defense of racial privilege."*

*(David Wellman, author of *Portraits of White Racism*.)*

**Song: We Are Called (back cover)**

## Second Station: Jesus Takes Up His Cross

**Location: Near Courthouse Square Issue: The Death Penalty**

**Reader: Bob Stoughton,**

**Miami Valley Chapter of Ohioans to Stop Executions**

**Marianist Social Justice Collaborative**

**Weavers of Justice**

(Reader) We are gathered here at Courthouse Square as we consider our long-time practice of killing those who have killed. The prisons and death rows in our nation are bursting at the seams, yet we have one of the most violent societies in the world. Murder is a horrible act. Murderers can and should be held accountable, but we must do so without making them and their loved ones victims of violence as well. We seek a restorative justice that responds to harm with efforts to heal, not just punish.

**(Then) “... carrying the cross by himself, he went out ...” ~John 19:17**

(Now) Jesus carried his cross in sorrow. We also stand in sorrow. Sorrow for all victims of crime. Sorrow for the family members of those who have been murdered. Sorrow for the families of those who are incarcerated. Sorrow for the men and women and juveniles in our jails and prisons. And sorrow for the 137 men and one woman who currently sit on Ohio’s death row. In his first two months in office, Gov. Mike DeWine delayed four executions scheduled for 2019 because of concerns raised by a federal judge over Ohio’s lethal injection protocol. Prominent Ohio voices, including a retired Ohio Supreme Court Justice who wrote Ohio’s death penalty law when he was a state senator, and a retired Director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction who oversaw dozens of executions, have called for the abolition of the death penalty in Ohio. We join them in asking, “How long must this sorrow last?”

**(Prayer) God of justice and mercy, we pray for all who are awaiting execution or have been falsely accused. Embolden us to work for the abolition of state sanctioned death and to uphold the dignity of all human life. Give us the courage to reach out to victims of crime, and give all prisoners the courage not to lose hope. Strengthen all those working for prison reform. We pray this in the name of our merciful Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Reader) *“The commandment “You shall not kill,” has absolute value and applies to both the innocent and the guilty.” ~ Pope Francis, 2/21/16*

**Song: The Cry of the Poor (back cover)**

### Third Station: Jesus Falls for the First Time

**Location: Facing Reibold Building, NE Corner Main & 4th Sts.**

**Issue: Opioid Epidemic    Reader: Wendy Berkshire  
East End Community Services**

(Reader) We stand in front of the Public Health building, acknowledging that the United States is currently in the midst of one of its most significant health crisis, a deadly opioid epidemic. According to the Centers for Disease Control, drug overdoses killed 70,237 Americans in 2017. According to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 8.7 million youth live in households with at least one parent who has a substance use disorder. According to Harvard Medical School professor, there has been a lack of focus on the many children living with a parent who has a substance abuse disorder.

**(Then) Weakened from the brutal beating, loss of blood, and the weight of the cross beams, Jesus falls the first time.**

(Now) The cross that Jesus was carrying was heavy and he became weak and fell. These children, too, have fallen and almost become invisible in the opioid crisis, but we will not let that happen. At East End in Dayton, we are lifting up the affected children of addiction with a Camp designed just for them. Camp Mariposa is a national addiction prevention and mentoring program that serves children ages 9-12 and is held 6 times per year at Camp Kern. Each camp offers camp activities and therapeutic activities to teach coping skills and self-care strategies. The children learn that they are NOT ALONE and they can count on the counselors. We will not let them fall.

**(Prayer) God of strength, please help us uphold the children who have been impacted by addiction in our City. Give us the strength to help them be known, to give them a clear path that doesn't involve addiction, and to show them that healing is possible through You, "who give strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak"**

(Reader) *"Camp Mariposa has helped me feel like people care about me and I think the people at Camp Mariposa are the best people ever and that they want the best for people here. It has helped me know I'm not alone and that it is the best thing I have ever done to in my life"* ~~a 12-year-old boy who lost his dad and step-father to heroin, within 9 months of each other.

**Song: Remember Your Love (back cover)**

### Fourth Station: Jesus Meets His Mother

**Location: Corner of 4th and Ludlow (Facing DPS Admin. Bldg.)**

**Issue: Public School Education    Reader: Dr. Robert C. Walker**

(Reader) Today, closing the academic achievement gap is one of the most critical issues facing urban public school districts. In Ohio and the Dayton Public School District in particular, the district's future is determined by the overall report card grades. Dayton Public Schools are working hard to insure that the results of this year's Ohio School Report Card prevent a state takeover. The Board of Education, superintendent, administrators, teachers and staff are working tirelessly to implement the recommendations identified by the Ohio Dept. of Education Distress Commission.

**(Then) Mary came to be with her son. She shared the pain imposed on him by an unjust system. She wept over his unfair and wicked condemnation.**

(Now) The public school is the primary route through which most urban children enter into full participation in our economic, political and community life. Dayton Public School District has a high poverty rate. The conditions of poverty are major obstacles that prevent students from experiencing optimal involvement and full dignity of their personhood. The disparities among public schools exist largely due to the affluence and political power of their communities. Mary shared the pain imposed on Jesus at the cross; let's become more informed and sensitive of local oppressive and unjust systems and practices.

**(Prayer) Holy and Gracious God, you have blessed us with a nation of plenty. Yet there are these among us without the basic educational competencies to live a self-sustaining life, especially those in an urban school district. O God, create in us a common spirit that will evoke us to work as your brokers to provide all students of urban school districts opportunities to obtain a quality and equitable education and to become healthy and productive citizens. Amen**

(Reader) *"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education."*

~~Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Song: We Are Called (back cover)**



**Sixth Station: Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus**

**Location: YWCA Dayton    Issue: #metoo #timesup**

**Reader: Staff of YWCA Dayton**

(Reader) We stand at the oldest organization supporting women and children in Montgomery County, the YWCA Dayton. It is also the only domestic violence shelter and accredited rape crisis center for women in Montgomery County. We live our mission to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all through four core programs: emergency shelter and crisis support; affordable housing and life skills training; girls programming; and advocacy and awareness of legislative priorities and public policies.

**(Then) Veronica faced the derision of the bystanders and the soldiers who saw Christ as a criminal, and with courage and compassion went to minister to his need, receiving much more, the image of Christ imprinted on her veil and in her heart.**

(Now) Much like when Veronica showed compassion to Jesus during his difficult journey, the YWCA Dayton meets women and girls during traumatic times. We offer supportive services, empathy and comfort, and, like the imprinted veil, return survivors back to themselves.

**(Prayer) Compassionate God, open our hearts that we may love each other as you love us. Allow us to see and hear our brothers and sisters as you do, not by standing over them, but by walking beside them. Help us to find ways to use our gifts to serve others. Let us be kind, loving, generous and forgiving in all our efforts. Bless our community with fervent compassion. Amen.**

(Reader) *“The YWCA Dayton has served the Miami Valley since 1870, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. We have been here and will continue to be here for survivors.”*

**Song: Remember Your Love (back cover)**

**Seventh Station: Jesus Falls a Second Time**

**Location: Dayton City Hall - Corner of Ludlow and 3rd Streets**

**Issue: Immigration/Refugees**

**Reader: Caitlin Cipolla-McCulloch**

**Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley**

(Reader) Jesus falls a second time under the weight of His cross. We see Jesus falling beneath the cross the second time. Despite the help of Simon of Cyrene, the cross has crushed Him once more, and He is beaten down by the Roman soldiers. The second time it is even harder for Jesus to get back up than the first. The immigrants, the refugees who come to our borders seeking refuge from the violence and poverty they have left behind are also beaten down instead of receiving help to find a safe and better life.

**(Then) Jesus fell under the heavy weight of the cross.**

(Now) In 2018 there were 68.5 million people in the world who were forcibly displaced from their homes. We call these people refugees. In 2018, 45,000 refugees were resettled in the United States and Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley welcomed about 125 people to the Dayton region in 2018. Refugees are primarily coming from the war-torn Democratic Republic of the Congo.

**(Prayer) Loving God, you invite us to welcome the stranger and to call the stranger friend. Help us to invite our brothers and sisters from different nations to be our neighbors. Help us to support them in their time of transition and to value them for the gifts they bring to our community. We ask all this through Mary our Mother and Jesus our Brother. AMEN.**

(Reader) *“We have a duty toward our brothers and sisters who, for various reasons, have been forced to leave their homeland: a duty of justice, of civility and of solidarity.”* ~Pope Francis

**Song: We Are Called (back cover)**

## **Eighth Station: Jesus Meets the Weeping Women of Jerusalem**

**Location: CareSource Office    Issue: Healthcare**

**Reader: Dr. Rockney Carter - Clergy Community Coalition**

(Reader) We stand at the corner of Ludlow and 2nd, in front of an office where an entity is seemingly dedicated to quality healthcare for all. We understand that the healthcare issue is prominent in our community as we advocate in the midst of the closure of the Good Samaritan Hospital and the Medical Center at St. Elizabeth's. We further understand the need and advocate for quality healthcare to be provided to the residents of West Dayton, regardless of race, socio-economic status or zip code. Thousands of residents in close proximity to the hospitals will be deprived of many levels of critically needed healthcare services and be detrimentally impacted by these closures. We call upon the leadership of Dayton to understand that the infant mortality rates in West Dayton are already far above acceptable levels and will probably go even higher; the leadership must also understand that the elderly, those who might not have any other access to life-sustaining healthcare services, will find themselves in dire, life threatening situations. We demand that our voices be heard and that God's Will be accomplished in our struggle. We stand together on this issue.

**(Then) But Jesus, turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children."**

(Now) Many of us in our community are going to be confronted with the reality of which Jesus warned the Daughters of Jerusalem. The weeping and crying that came with the crucifixion of Jesus will be similar to the cries of our community as lives are lost due to the closure of much needed hospitals. Mothers will cry out; babies will cry out; the community, as a whole, will cry out at the loss, destruction and ultimate death that is impending. We must continue to cry out to God and to our leadership to ensure quality healthcare for all of us.

**(Prayer) Lord, we say a prayer for the innocent babies today; we pray for the elderly and any others who might be deprived of quality healthcare. We love you and trust in your justice and judgement in our situation. Intervene on our behalf. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.**

(Reader) *"The Arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."*

~Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Song: The Cry of the Poor (back cover)**

**Ninth Station: Jesus Falls the Third Time**

**Location: NW Corner of Second and Perry Streets**

**Issue: Colombian Children & Children from Central America**

**Reader: Paula Ewers, Pledge of Resistance**

(Reader) We stand here on the street corner. In Columbia and in Central America children are found on street corners and are forced into fighting on both sides of the war. They are promised work, only to find out that they have been taken to a training camp for the left wing guerrillas or the paramilitary forces who are linked to the military of Columbia. They are used as messengers, informants, cooks, sex slaves and fighters.

**(Then) As Jesus’ journey to Calvary neared its completion and his strength was almost exhausted, the oppressive weight of the cross pressed him to the ground.**

(Now) Children from Central America have been forced to travel by themselves to find their families in the United States. Jesus said to bring the children to him. We in the United States follow a different plan. With our concern with the drug issue in Colombia and the fear of undocumented people from Latin America, we have overlooked the children who are “weighed down and pressed to the ground.”

**(Prayer) Forgive us, God! We know that the children are our future, but we get confused about our role as leaders in the world. Guide us as your followers to peaceful and loving ways to bring about your kingdom. Our imperialism is not Your way. Our greed is not Your way. Our selfish priorities are not Your way. Guide us to live as you would have us live and do what you would have us do. Amen.**

(Reader) *“I lost my innocence and youth there. I would cry when I was on night guard duty alone.”*

~~Carlos, age 15, from Colombia

**Song: Remember Your Love (back cover)**

**Tenth Station: Jesus is stripped of his garments**

**Location: Homefull (NE Corner of 1st & Ludlow)**

**Issue: Homelessness**

**Reader: Rev. Mark Craig - Homefull**

(Reader) We stand in front of Homefull, a non-profit agency that stands at the forefront of addressing and combating the cause of homelessness: poverty. In partnership with other community agencies, Homefull works on a daily basis to combat poverty on many levels. In our community on any given night, 550 of our fellow citizens are considered homeless. 83% are individuals, 17% are families with children. In Montgomery County, Fair Market Rent for a two-bedroom apartment is \$788. Without paying more than 30% of income on housing, a household must earn \$31,533 annually, or \$15.16 per hour (assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year). Ohio's current minimum wage is \$8.55.

**(Then) “And they crucified him. Dividing up his garments, they cast lots to see what each would get.”**

~~Mark 15:24

(Now) Just as Jesus was stripped of his garments, Poverty strips individuals of their dignity, feelings of self-worth, housing, food, clothing, transportation, belongings, to name a few. As a community, a state, a nation, we must continue to address the cause of homelessness (poverty) by continuing to advocate on behalf of those most vulnerable by ensuring that every individual has: equal access to a fair and decent living wage, access to affordable housing, equal access to affordable healthcare, and freedom from racial inequality and discrimination.

**(Prayer) God of the Homeless, bless those who continue to stand up for mercy, justice, love, and hope, for agencies and individuals who give so much of their time, talents and resources, working toward ending homelessness. Bless those who remain homeless that you might provide them strength to endure and to gain an opportunity to prevail against the internal and systemic forces that continue to inhibit their success. We pray that opportunities might be provided that would allow these individuals to live year to year rather than day to day. Give us wisdom, love, hope, and peace to work together as one to combat the cause of homelessness.**

(Reader) *“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”*

~Matthew 25:40

**Song: We Are Called (back cover)**

**Eleventh Station: Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross**

**Location: First Street between Ludlow & Wilkinson**

**Issue: Infant Mortality**

**Reader: Quiana Bickham, Wesley Community Center**

(Reader) As I think of Infant Mortality, I think of how precious our babies are. Infant Mortality is defined as the death of a live-born baby before his or her first birthday. In 2017, the Ohio data regarding Infant Mortality shows that in 2015, 1,005 babies died; in 2016, 1,024 died; and in 2017, 982 died. While the number of Ohio infant deaths declined in 2017, the disparity continues between African American and Caucasian deaths. We ask ourselves, “What can we do to stop these babies from dying?”

**(Then) “They took Jesus to Golgatha, which means ‘Place of the Skull’...  
They nailed him to a cross ...”**

~~Mark 15:22, 24

(Now) The Baby Ready Program at Wesley Community Center has served well over 200 clients. While Ohio’s infant mortality rate for white infants was lower in 2017 than in previous years, the rate for black infants was higher, with black infants dying at three times the rate of white infants. Neonatal deaths (occurring the first 27 days of life) account for most of the black/white infant mortality disparity. While there is no one contributing factor for the death of babies, we know that African American moms experience much more stress, have access to fewer resources and, at times do not get the same care as other populations.

**(Prayer) How we praise and thank you for the previous little lives of all new-born babies, little toddlers and young children, knowing that each one is special to You and was known in Your heart, even before conception. Help us, Lord, to hold all lives dear and to work relentlessly to ensure every baby and mother get a healthy start. Amen.**

(Reader) *“I believe the only way we’ll be able to solve infant mortality and other huge social problems is by designing solutions for those with the greatest intent to carry it out.”*

~~Jane Chen

**Song: The Cry of the Poor (back cover)**

**Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross**

**Location: Dayton International Peace Museum**

**Issue: Peace Among Nations & Cultures; Faith & Spiritual Paths**

**Reader: Bill Meers**

(Reader) The Dayton International Peace Museum, founded in 2004, is the only community institution in the United States focusing broadly on peace. The Museum's mission is to create a culture of peace through educational programs and exhibits on nonviolent conflict resolution, social justice, and on creating understanding and community among people of all faiths, ethnic backgrounds, and cultures

**(Then) "I thirst." "Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said 'Father, into Thy hands I commend my Spirit.'"**

~John 19:28 ~Luke 23:46

(Now) We thirst for Peace among nations, but we see war, violence, and the threat of nuclear annihilation. We thirst for human rights and respect for people of all cultures and faiths; and we see division, discrimination, and political prisoners. We seek to reach out to each other, but find walls blocking our paths. We teach love for our friends of other faiths and spiritual paths, but see hate thriving in dark spaces and murders in synagogues, mosques, and churches. We seek to understand our place in Creation, but we are overwhelmed by media and information overload in our fast changing world.

**(Prayer) God of justice and peace, You have shown us in Jesus, the power of love and nonviolence. Open our hearts that we may seek out each other in love rather than to judge. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

(Reader) *"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."*

~~Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Song: Remember Your Love (back cover)**

## Thirteenth Station: Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

**Location: Great Miami River    Issue: Environment**

**Reader: Bob Downs, GDCC Creation Connections**

(Reader) We stand here in front of the Great Miami River, emblematic of its namesake watershed and sustainer of a complex environment of varied and inter-dependent, ecological communities. Human beings are integral parts of those communities and are charged by their Creator with their stewardship. *“We are not at liberty to use what God has lodged in our hands as we please, but as God pleases, who alone is the possessor of heaven and earth and the GoLord of every creature.”* (J Wesley) Yet human greed drives us to abuse and exploit God’s gifts and human pride convinces us that we are not the problem. Scripture tells us otherwise. ONLY humans sin. Nature worships its Creator and objected to His mistreatment and crucifixion by humankind.

**(Then) ‘At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o’clock... Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit. At that moment... the earth shook, rocks split apart.’ ~Matt 27:45, 50-51**

(Now) Nature rebels against our destruction of God’s Creation. “Recent scientific reports have shown that our precious planet and people everywhere face an immediate threat of lethal proportions from climate change and numerous environmental crises.” (Greenfaith) *“Exploitation of the planet has already exceeded acceptable limits.”* (Laudato Si’) Care for the poor and care for the planet go hand-in-hand. *“All human beings have the fundamental right to an environment adequate for their health and well-being” and...such rights are extended to nonhumans as “a way of saying that all life is sacred or intrinsically valuable and worthy of being treated as the subject of human moral consideration. Ecological problems...are not simply scientific, technical, political or strategic questions. They are fundamentally moral issues, because they are human-created and soluble problems that adversely affect the good of humans and otherkind in our relationships.* (James Nash) We must find and implement just solutions to the environmental crises before it is too late!

**(Prayer) God of Creation, you gave us this world full of resources to sustain us and our fellow creatures, and you charged us with its care and keeping. We have squandered this gift in wasteful consumption, thoughtless of others’ needs. We have not been good stewards and for that we ask your forgiveness. Give us a heart to restore your gift and the will to share it justly with our fellow creatures. Amen.**

(Reader) *“The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.”* (Gen 2:15)

**Song: The Cry of the Poor (back cover)**

**Fourteenth Station: Jesus is Placed in the Tomb**

**Location: First Baptist Church of Dayton**

**Issue: The Church's Response    Reader: Rev. Dr. Crystal Walker  
Executive Director, Greater Dayton Christian Connections**

(Reader) "The beaten and broken body of Jesus reminds us that this is a day of pain, unspeakable cruelty and state-sanctioned violence. As we reflect on Jesus' death, we acknowledge and lament the sin of the church, our in-excusable silence and our encompassing divisions."

**(Then) Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and departed. (Matthew 27:59-60)**

(Now) Has the church reverted back to the judgmental practices of the Pharisees and Sadducees? Is the church keeper of the law only and not the image of Jesus who liberated, accepted and embraced the least of these? Have our divisions in religious beliefs and practices kept us from speaking in one voice, the voice of social justice – which is the soul of Jesus? Is the church trapped in the new tomb of divisiveness?

**(Prayer) God, our creator, Jesus our brother, Holy Spirit our sustainer, we pray that you will guide us to advocate for you in situations of injustice. We pray that we will be change agents in the world. We ask that you forgive us our sins and that you will forgive others through the ministry of reconciliation. Thanking you for all your blessings. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN!**

"We now enter the hours of darkness in the story of Jesus. **Lord, lead us to the dawn.** We live in the hours of darkness in our nation and in the world. **Lord, lead us to the light.** Today we have walked and prayed for people who are being beaten and broken by the principalities and powers of this world. Lord, with your help, may we roll away the stone of oppression."

(Reader) *The most potent weapon of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed.*  
Stephen Biko

**Song: We are Called (back cover)**

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# Remember Your Love



Re - mem - ber your love and your faith - ful - ness, O



Lord. Re - mem - ber your peo - ple and have mer - cy on us, Lord.

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Tune: Darryl Ducote and Gary Daigle  
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# The Cry of the Poor (Psalm 34)



The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Bless - ed be the Lord.

Text: Psalm 34: 2-3, 6-7, 18-19, 23; John Foley, SJ  
Tune: John Foley, SJ  
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# We Are Called



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly, we are called to serve one an - oth - er;



to walk hum - bly with God!

Text: Micah 6:8; David Haas  
Tune: David Haas  
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