

OPENING PRAYER 6-21-26

Reflecting on Romans 6:1-11

Beloved God, as your children we ask you to send your Holy Spirit into us and open us to your word. Because we are committed to Christ, we have the means to choose life over sin and death. We are struggling as a nation with the sins of injustice, indifference and complacency. But we can each choose to embrace it, ignore it as if it will go away, or we can join Jesus and oppose all that would be contrary to your vision of shalom. You are always in solidarity with the oppressed, the unloved, and the voiceless. So how can we who have died to sin through Christ go on living in it? Loving God, break our hearts open, so we can love as you love, and build up rather than tear down. In this way we choose life over death, love over hatred, action over disregard and neglect, and praise, honor and love you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen