

## **Benediction and Call to Action**

**Leader:** This day is a call to action for every person who professes to be a Christian and believes in the God in whom all are created, the giver of life, the one who gives us the breath that George Floyd was losing by the minute when he yelled, “I can’t breathe.” The Bible reminds us that as people of faith, we are called to use the breath God gave us to speak out against the evil of hatred that has permeated our society.

If we are going to live like Jesus we have to speak out against the oppression of all persons and critique their mistreatment. Jesus showed this example countless times when he refused to be silent about the inequities that persisted in his day. The theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer once stated:

**All: We are not Christ, but if we want to be Christians, we must have some share in Christ’s large-heartedness... by showing a real sympathy that springs from the liberating and redeeming love of Christ for all who suffer...The Christian is called to sympathy and action.”**

**Leader:** You now have three minutes to respond to our Call to Action. As we play *Help Us Accept Each Other*, choose one of the Action Items addressed by our two speakers and write it down to remind you of the action you commit to complete!

**Leader:** Let us pray:

**All: God grant that we will be participants in doing good, in taking the high way in standing together in unity seeking your justice, your peace, your highest good for all humankind. Amen.**