

Chapel Service
Worker Rights are Human Rights
December 10, 2005

Prelude

Prayer

God we know your children are fighting for their lives. Working conditions for many are harsh and dangerous, livable wages are not guaranteed and more than 45 million Americans live without healthcare. We know your children are fighting for their lives seeking human dignity and respect. Each step of their fight often brings obstacles to bear; we ask for your guidance on how we can effectively live our faith in action for any of your children who are fighting for their lives, especially workers who are seeking job security, livable wages, healthcare, and dignity. We know that one way workers can receive these things is by collectively bargaining a contract. God, we ask you to be present with those fighting to have their voice heard in their workplaces.

Opening Reading – Genesis 1:26-27

Words of Welcome

Hymn – *We Are Marching for Our Lives**

Responsive Reading – Inspired by Exodus Chapter 5 and 6 **

Reading – Exodus 5:1-9

Testimony from Workers***

Hymn – *Come Walk with Us the Journey is Long**

Reading – Leviticus 19:18/Matthew 22:39

Homily

Silent Meditation

Closing Hymn – *We Shall Overcome**

Benediction



We dedicate this service to the thousands of workers who organize to form a union daily seeking security in their workplace where there is currently no assurance of job safety, adequate pay or benefits.

*Songs are available in the Interfaith Worker Justice

**The responsive reading is available on the IWJ website, www.iwj.org.

*** Testimony from workers is important to humanize the concerns. If such testimony does not work in this setting, find stories from workers on the resources page of the IWJ website, www.iwj.org.