## Response from Faith Communities to the Separation of Immigrant Families June 24, 2018 – "Road to Sheridan" Sunday Service - Call to Worship



## **Call to Worship**

Call: In Ancient Egypt, when Pharaoh made it public policy to kill Hebrew Children, child murder became the law of the land. But people of faith knew better. They knew...

Response: Only love fulfills the law.

Call: When Jesus was killed on the cross, he was executed as a criminal, as an "illegal," as an enemy of the state. But people of faith knew better...

Response: Only love fulfills the law.

Call: When Turtle Island was stolen from the indigenous tribes that had lived here for thousands of years, when their culture was destroyed and their people were murdered; when human beings were brought here against their will from Africa to be bought and sold as slaves; when Japanese Americans were forced into internment camps and treated like cattle, the law of the land endorsed all these unspeakable and ungodly horrors. But in each of these cases people of faith knew better. They knew...

Response: Only love fulfills the law.

Call: Today, as families continue to be separated by an unjust and amoral immigration system, our public officials have had the audacity to invoke our Christian tradition as a perverse justification for their crimes against humanity. In an attempt to hide behind the *letter* of God's law, they have sinned and blasphemed against the *spirit* of God's law. So as people of faith, let us remind them in a loud and clear voice...

Response: Only love fulfills the law.

Call: Let us remind our state, our country, and the whole world that love is the only law.

Response: Love is the only law.

Together: AMEN.

