

**“SHOW UP FOR SHABBAT”  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>  
TEMPLE SHALOM**

To our neighbours & friends at Temple Shalom;  
and to your brothers & sisters at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburg - &  
throughout America – our church offers its deepest condolences.

Painfully aware that the Christian faith has been a primary cause of anti-  
Semitism, we also confess the sins that have been conducted in the name of  
the Jewish peacenik whom we claim follow.

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**Psalm 104** tells us that God’s breath – God’s very Spirit – is in every living  
thing.

We are thus forced to recognize that, when we maim or murder another,  
we are harming the Spirit of our Creator & Heavenly Parent.

Every act of killing – including those done by the State or in so-called “self-  
defense” - is, in fact, an act of Deicide.

Peace & non-violence is the only way we can protect the Holy One.

**Edwina Gateley** – a Catholic laywoman who ministers to the street people  
of Chicago wrote these words:

**DIMINISHMENT**

To the degree that we  
are broken and wounded  
so is God.

As the earth sickens and shrivels  
Through neglect and greed-  
so does God.

As the little ones hunger  
And are trampled upon –  
So is God.

As more are imprisoned  
And starved of light – so is God.

As the innocent are slaughtered  
to preserve unwarranted privilege and unacceptable power ~  
so too is God's Spirit.

So will God  
be diminished  
and the Divine Spirit damaged.

Until we dare rise  
from our dying  
and our killing,  
from our hating  
and ignoring,  
and open our hearts to  
God's extravagant and inclusive love.

*Edwina Gateley, "Psalms of a Laywoman," Sheed & Ward, 1999  
(Adapted after "Tree of Life" Synagogue shooting, 10/27/18)*