You Are Invited

Emanuel 9
A Service of Commemoration, Confession and Recommitment
Wednesday, June 17th, 2020 at 6 pm

As part of the 2019 ELCA Church-wide Assembly, voting members adopted a resolution designating June 17 as a commemoration of the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9—the nine people shot and killed on June 17, 2015, during a Bible study at Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C. The perpetrator was a young white man, a member of an ELCA Lutheran congregation. Because of this person’s affiliation with our denomination, we have felt compelled to work towards recommitment to the cause to fight racism in our midst, and around us.

This service will feature the following:

- A Litany of Repentance
- “Mourning gives way to purpose” – the arc of the history of racism
- “Close to home” – incidences of racism in Oregon today
- Fishbowl conversation – with Lutheran youth and leadership about racism
- “I just want to live” a video
- Break-out conversations for discussion.
- Theological Grounding – Lament and Recommitment

Log into Zoom to participate in this worship

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83429720238 (also available at a later date in a YouTube recording.

This participatory worship event is sponsored by Better Together, the 3 Lutheran (ELCA) churches in Salem, Oregon (St. Mark, Christ the Good Shepherd, and Holy Cross). Our team is Gwen Carr, Judy Boyd, Pastors Charles Mantey, Shelley Willem, and Patricia Hughes.