



UU Sample order of service

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CIW LABOR DAY Boycott Wendy's Worship Materials

Opening/Invocation/Call to Worship

Feel free to add percussion to this or invite handclaps. And the last stanza with the (...) it could be a repeated percussive riff on a djembe, for example.

Blessed are the change-makers

by Rev Allison Farnum

Blessed are the change-makers
for faith in the face of apathy
Blessed are the change-makers
who name oppression and inequality
Blessed are the change-makers
For powerful courage and boldness
Blessed are the change-makers
For nonviolence and compassion
Blessed are the change-makers
knowing risk and sometimes failure
Blessed are the change-makers
For trying again and again in love
Blessed are the change-makers
for they are among you.
Blessed are the change-makers
for you are among them
Blessed are the change-makers
Rejoice and be glad
Blessed are the change-makers...
Blessed are the change-makers...
Blessed are the change-makers...
Amen and Blessed be!

2) Opening Words for Labor Day by Megan Dowdell

<http://www.uua.org/worship/words/opening/opening-words-labor-day>

Note: The phrase "meeting house" can be replaced with "sanctuary."

We enter this meeting house for kindness and comfort.

May rough-worn hands and aching backs be healed.

We enter this meeting house of hope for equality.

May those who labor to survive live to know justice.

We enter this meeting house of love and vocation.

May our bonds of solidarity be strengthened.

We enter this meeting house of courage and friendship.

May we move hand-in-hand toward freedom.

Children's Time

This resource is from T'ruah, The Rabbinical Call for Human Rights. It features an activity that can be done with the children, using the Torah script or linking to other traditions through common values around equity and fairness. It also features a classroom activity.

<http://www.truah.org/images/FairFoodForKids.pdf>

Videos

For an overview about fair food program from PBS:

<https://youtu.be/Qr0AKnbaf7s>

For a rousing shorter video about beginning of Wendy's boycott in NYC:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7j28dNHHOcl>

For a longer overview (if you did not have a sermon in the service)

<https://youtu.be/b6s4YAOISns>

Centering/Prayer

Spirit of Life and Love, dear God,

Blessed are the change-makers! This day, as we approach Labor Day, we are invited to take specific action- to bear witness to the work of farmworkers who do the holy work

of feeding our nation. We ask for blessings upon them, especially those members of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, who invite us into the vision of a fair food nation and into deeper ways of living into our faithful (conscientious) call to do justice. Embolden us as we pledge to accompany and be good allies to the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, for their work has made waves globally in a new model of worker-driven social responsibility. Remind us that every Wendy's boycott pledged, letter delivered, faith witness attended, shows the power of people united in you, O Spirit of Love. It brings us that much closer to making earth a little more like heaven.

(Another option would be to have a guided meditation that takes people through the hell of a farm worker's life in fields untouched by fair food program and its protections. The meditation would then lead to the hopeful vision of the "New Day" dawning: a fair food nation and the call to commit to action for this New Day.

Song/Hymn

Reading/Scripture

Words from UUSC President Bill Schultz:

You know, Wendy's' slogan is Quality is Our Recipe. But Wendy's is the only major fast food restaurant to refuse to commit to join the Fair Food Program, to pay a fair wage, and not exploit workers in their supply chain. McDonald's has done it – why not Wendy's? Burger King has done it – why not Wendy's? Taco Bell has done it – why not Wendy's? Subway has done it – why not Wendy's? Wendy's' slogan ought not be Quality is Our Recipe – it ought to be Exploitation is Our Recipe! Oppression is Our Recipe! Slavery is Our Recipe! Wendy's, as you've heard, is buying tomatoes from a supplier who is notorious for its abuse of workers. The Los Angeles Times said that Wendy's supplier treats its vegetables better than its workers.

... So Unitarian Universalists call upon all good people of Columbus and around the nation to stop buying Dave's triple hamburgers, stop buying Dave's double hamburgers, stop buying Dave's single hamburgers, don't buy anything at Wendy's – nothing! — until the company stops exploiting workers because Justice is Our Recipe! Justice is Our

Recipe and the ingredients are fair wages, decent working conditions, and an end to workplace slavery.

Sermon/Reflection

Outline version-

Sermon in a snap! Answer these questions and then quilt them together. You might find some pieces go better before another- play with it. Have a friend look it over for smooth seams (aka transitions).

1. What calls you to involvement and allyship with the CIW? Share your story about how you are connected to the fair food movement.
2. Use CIW resources to educate the gathered about fair food and about Wendy's recalcitrance. <http://www.ciw-online.org/resources/>
 - a. Fair Food and CIW 101:
https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=http%3A%2F%2Fciw-online.org%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2FCIW_1_pager_August2015.pdf
 - b. Wendy's Boycott:
 - i. <http://ciw-online.org/workersvoice/about>
 - ii. For the latest with CIW and the Boycott, go here:
<http://www.ciw-online.org/>
3. What about your religious tradition informs this engagement (even perhaps requires it of you?)
4. Why might it matter to those assembled in your faith community? How might it grow their faith and learning? If any key leaders or clergy in your tradition have been involved and written testimony or have videos/ readings to send to you, include them. If any key leaders have endorsed the Boycott, be sure to mention it!
5. How can the assembled take action?
<http://www.allianceforfairfood.org/take-action/>
 - a. Could you work ahead with an AFF organizer to organize a public witness in front of your congregation's nearest Wendy's and invite them to join you after the service or the next morning?
 - b. Could you have letters for individuals to bring to Wendy's managers?
 - c. Could you invite the assembled to sign a pledge to boycott Wendy's as they engage in some kind of weekly ritual/ liturgy you do for worship (candle-lighting, communions, or incorporate something into the offering time?)

6. Share/remind the gathered of the vision and how it would feel/ look/ be to have a real fair food nation (for workers and for consumers).

Offering (can include a community sharing offering to fund the fall tours and work of Campaign. Dare to give the whole plate away this Sunday!)

Closing words/Blessing/Benediction

Invite photo petition time holding any signed pledge or photo petition:



Sign could read: "**As a member of _____, I pledge to boycott Wendy's!**"

For UCC Labor Sunday calls to worship, prayers, confessions and readings, check out:

http://www.ucc.org/justice_worker-justice_labor-sunday_worship-resources

The week of Labor Day, T'ruah, the Rabbinical Call to Human Rights will have a sample sermon and resources available for Shabbat.

<http://www.truah.org>