

A liturgical affirmation for worker justice\*

(Leader) We believe in the God who is imaged in Scripture as a worker

(All) A Shepherd, a Potter, a Gardener, a Carpenter

(Leader) We celebrate humankind as God's handiwork.

(All) In expression of our love for one another as human beings and workers created in the Worker's image, we look for the coming of God's reign, through:

Equal Rights and complete justice for people in all stations of life,

The practice of alternative dispute resolutions in cases of industrial conflict,

The protection of the worker from dangerous machinery, occupational disease, injury, and death,

The end of child labor,

Regulation of labor, under which people of all gender, race, and creed enjoy a safe and equitable workplace, for the good of the community,

An end to sweatshops and other abusive working conditions,

A limit to the number of work hours, while maintaining work for all, ensuring a degree of leisure to all workers, which is integral to abundant life,

One day of rest in every seven,

A living wage in every industry,

The highest wage that each industry can afford,

The most equitable division of the products of each industry,

Reliance upon the Great Commandment and the mind of Christ as the ultimate law of society and surest way to liberation from all sin, individual and societal.

\* adapted from the 1908 Methodist Social Creed