

Our city has been rocked with grief and outrage at the horrific shootings at the Tree of Life Synagogue on October 27, 2018. In a time in our society when our ability to have civil discourse with one another has all but disappeared, the emotional aftermath of this terrible tragedy has led to further expressions of hatred and threat.

The Beulah Presbyterian Church congregation grieves with our community and we want our position to be clear:

## **Statement Opposing Racism and Bigotry Adopted by Session on September 19, 2017**

"Beulah Church condemns white supremacy, racism, antisemitism, bigotry and hatred, and names them as sin. Beulah is committed to opposing this sin and seeks Christlike ways to work for justice and equality. Beulah gives thanks for the presence and faithful witness of church members and our partners locally, nationally and internationally in standing against sin.

"We acknowledge that Scripture has been misused to justify white supremacy, racism, antisemitism, bigotry and hatred; however, this sin stands in stark, irreconcilable contradiction to God's intention for humanity. We proclaim that the Bible's message presents a far more consistent and insistent witness to God's love for diversity and justice.

"Beulah stands beside such organizations as the Presbyterian Church (USA), Pittsburgh Presbytery, Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministry (PRISM), Coalition for Christian Outreach, Open Hand Ministries, Garfield Community Farm, Circles Pittsburgh and others in their efforts to fight against the evils of sin manifested in expressions of white supremacy, racism, antisemitism, bigotry and hatred."