

Litany for Immigrant Rights Sunday 2011
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Voice One: Today, our gospel story begins with the disciples locked in fear.

People: Christ transcends fear; we are the Children of Freedom.

Voice Two: Throughout our nation right now, decisions are being made about our economy. In our anxiety we scapegoat the immigrant.

People: Christ transcends fear; we are the Children of Freedom.

Voice One: Billions are being spent to:
detain, imprison, and deport undocumented workers,
and to build and defend a border wall.

People: Christ transcends fear; we are the Children of Freedom.

Voice Two: Families are being split apart and faith communities ravaged,
precious ecosystems are being destroyed,
local resources are being diverted,
and national and international human rights and labor laws
are routinely being broken.

People: Christ transcends fear; we are the Children of Freedom.

Voice One: We can see Christ's wounds, the evidence of suffering,
and we know we must construct alternative economies,
build alternative households,
for we are the Children of Freedom.

**All: We see the wounds of our immigrant sisters and brothers,
the evidence of their fear and suffering, and,
as the Children of Freedom,
know that their wounds are Christ's wounds,
their suffering is Christ's suffering,**

Voice Two: Today is Immigrant Rights Sunday.
Today we covenant to move out of our locked households, to move
beyond our fear, to a Household of Freedom
and an Economy of Justice,

**All: We are the Body of Christ.
We will build a Household of Freedom.
We will construct an Economy of Justice. Amen.**

