Prayer of Confession
Rev. Gail Doktor, Jackson Community Church

All: Bearer of Kindness and Justice,

We see firsthand the damage that disease, racism, and violence can cause. We know the anger and grief that is their wake. We acknowledge broken lives, torn families, towns and cities bent under systems of injustice. If we are being honest, we wonder if anything beautiful or good can come from such sorrow. Today, we ask for your bread in our lives and pray for your restoration blessing that, alone, can release the hold of sin. Open our mouths with words that denounce cruelty. Loose our tongues so they may savor the poured out forgiveness of your blood. Set the deadwood of our souls on fire with the baptism of your Holy Spirit. Then, the breaches can be repaired and the violence of our streets be rebuilt as pathways of peace. In Christ’s name, Amen.