Preparing to Become the
BELOVED COMMUNITY
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. When I walk around this neighborhood/town/city/community, I dream of ... When I look at our neighborhood/town/city/community, I was saddened about race in our neighborhood/town/city/community. To foster Beloved Community, I hope to ... Learning process? What stories and perspectives do you wish you could hear? Invite people to pause and silently imagine communities near you, so that you can share his light and be Jesus dwells richly in you, so that you can share his light and be Jesus. Becoming Beloved Community. You might finally ask Jesus to make that would begin to foster healing of institutions and systems? Wherever God has provided an opening – telling the story of Jesus into loving, liberating, life-giving relationship with our neighbors. Healing, reconciliation, and justice are big ideas, but they all have to do with God's dream of healing and wholeness for the whole creation. Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community: What did you learn? What was the most surprising thing you learned? Where do you see possibilities for growing into Beloved Community? • How has God blessed you and your church through relationship across difference and division? Book study? • For specific information, check www.episcopalchurch.org/reconciliation for various resources. Feel free to also explore daily offerings and ongoing conversation on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Make It Real: Listening & Learning Session – at least 45 minutes. Have your journal and your three stories ready. Make It Real: Inside/Outside Exercise – 15 minutes. What groups have been unwelcome or on your church's margins in the past? Write those groups in the wider circle. What groups have been welcome? Write those groups in the inner circle. What groups have been welcome but still marginalized in your church? Write those groups in the smaller circle. • Where do you see possibilities for growing into Beloved Community? • For specific information, check www.episcopalchurch.org/reconciliation for various resources. Feel free to also explore daily offerings and ongoing conversation on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. The Episcopal Church's Racial Reconciliation Team reconciliation@episcopalchurch.org. The Episcopal Church’s Racial Reconciliation Team www.episcopalchurch.org/beloved-community. Feel free to also explore daily offerings and ongoing conversation on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. As you “walk” sections of this labyrinth, gather a group, and together engage the scriptures, reflections, and activities. Make it a time for sharing, reflecting, and praying. As you walk, note and take time for any words and images that come to mind.