An Alternative Ahavah Rabba

Said by all UAHC Congregations on this Shabbat closest to Tisha B'Av as a statement of solidarity and shared outrage at the rise of hate crimes in the United States

Responsively:

With abundant love You have loved the house of Israel
And with gentle guidance enabled us to love others.

You have taught us of Your commandments, Your laws, and Your judgments.
And You have taught us to labor for justice and peace.

Therefore, when we rise up and lie down we will meditate on Your Law.
And between the time of our rising and lying, we will strive to make Your values real on Earth.

Your Laws are the life and length of our days.
And in them we are commanded to have compassion for the plight of others.

And in them we will rejoice day and night.
And through them we will ensure that others are able to rejoice in their places of worship, free from the evil of bigotry and the terror of intolerance.

And then Your love will never depart from us.
And then all Your children will accept each other and rejoice in our distinctiveness, as well as, in our common humanity.

Blessed is Adonai, who loves the people Israel.
And who, in infinite caring, embraces all Your children.