On May 25, 2020 the Afro-American US citizen George Floyd was brutally killed by the police officer Derek Chauvin in Minneapolis, Minnesota. For 8 minutes and 46 seconds Chauvin pushed his knee into Floyd’s neck and tied off his breathing air. A short time later Floyd was declared dead. This death is only one of many symbols of the oppression of Afro-Americans in the USA. But an enormous one.

Since then, all over the country – and around the world – people have taken to the streets to show everyday racism for what it is: a constitutive feature of US history up to today. „It is time we stand up in George’s name and say: Take your knees off our necks!“, said civil rights activist Al Sharpton in his speech at a service für George Floyd in Minneapolis. Perhaps it is indeed as Floyd’s six year old daughter Gianna put it these days: „Daddy changed the world.“

We want to commemorate George Floyd with a vigil on the Münsterplatz in Ulm on Tuesday, 09.Juni 2020 at 18.00 h and set an example against racism and discrimination – in the USA and all over the world. It is the day of George Floyd’s funeral.

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