



November 4, 2020

I am writing these words before the polls close, knowing that by the time you receive these words, we may or may not yet know which presidential candidate has been elected. Depending on the result, you might feel relieved or angry, joyful or devastated. Or, we may still be waiting, on the edge of our seats, for the counting of votes that will take more time than usual this year.

In the book of Ecclesiastes, we remember that “there is a time for dancing, and a time for mourning; a time to weep and a time to laugh.” Whatever may be called for today—or in the weeks ahead—let us do it prayerfully together.

I invite you to pray.

Pray to God that God’s will be done.

Pray for justice.

Pray for healing.

Pray for this nation, and for all of our neighbors.

The scriptures remind us that throughout human history, political power will sometimes be just and good, sometimes corrupt and evil. Scripture also reminds us that whoever the emperors, monarchs, or elected leaders may be, God’s redemptive love gives hope and resilient strength to the world. At times, God’s will has been advanced by people in seats of power. But in many cases, the work of God for justice and peace began in much humbler settings: Moses in a basket in the Nile, Rosa Parks on a bus in Montgomery, Jesus in Nazareth.

Whatever these days bring, let us turn to God for renewal of vision and strength, and let us encourage one other in love.

I invite you to join the church community for a special post-election prayer service by zoom today, November 4, 7:00-7:30 p.m. Click <https://tinyurl.com/WHCCelectPrayer> to join.

I invite you to join us for [virtual Sunday worship services](#), and for noon prayers on the [church facebook page](#)—live every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

I invite you to reach out to a minister for prayer, to share news, or just to check in.

We will walk this journey together.

Peace,

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