

Meditation and Prayer
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Let us pause in reverence and reflection to gather our spirits for the coming week.

Spirit of life, God whom we call by many names, here we have gathered in community and fellowship. Our hearts are full of joy for life. Our hearts are nagged by anxiety and pain. Our hearts are worried about the coming choices our people will make that will determine the governance of our country in the near future. Let our choices be wise choices. Let wisdom fill the hearts and minds of those we choose to lead us in the uncertain future. Let the choices we make renew hope for all those who are downtrodden, weary and overburdened by work, responsibility and worry.

As we sit together in the majesty of this church, let us never forget those who are less fortunate. Let us feed the hungry, comfort the saddened, bring laughter to the lives of children, hug our families and friends, call our loved ones in faraway places.

We pray for the safety of our troops serving abroad, and here at home. We give thanks for the protection of all those who keep us safe.

We give thanks for the music from our choir, and the beautiful music from our organ. We give thanks for the concert we will be blessed with this afternoon. We give thanks for those who help in the kitchen, who keep the church clean, who serve the church on committees and in other leadership positions. Let them grow in wisdom and good cheer. We give thanks for the generous gifts you give to the church, and for your consistent stewardship. And I give thanks for the joys of serving as your interim minister.

Let us work together in harmony and peace, making choices wisely and for the greater good of the church and for all.

In the spirit of gratitude and fellowship, let us enter the approaching holiday season with generosity and love in our hearts.

Let us remain together in silent meditation....

Amen