



Dear Friends in Christ,

As a friend, a fellow American, a Disciple of Christ, and as your pastor, I invite you and call on you to join with me in prayer this evening and night for our nation, and our world. We pray for a faithful transition of power and authority, and that our legislators will be able to quickly proceed with their responsibilities to certify the

results of a very challenging election. We pray for the upholding of our Constitution and the vision for humanity it provides. We pray that we can all see how we are part of something much larger than ourselves, worthy of our sacrifices as it is very sacred and holy, and vitally interwoven into our hearts and lives. We pray for the healing of our nation, a healing in every aspect.

It has been an incredibly difficult year for us all. Our relationship together has faced many limitations this past year; we've barely begun working, living, sharing our love of Christ with each other. We entrust ourselves to the ways Christ can bring us together, and move forward in courage to face the challenges that may arise. This challenging season of virus and elections has taken a great toll on our communities and nation, and most of us as individuals and families, and in the ways we share fellowship and friendships together. Yet God is being faithful with us, his assurances are everlasting, and we reach for God's wisdom and understanding, trusting his grace to provide the sacred vision in how to go forward faithfully. Let us not grow faint.

Isaiah 40: 28-31 (NRSV)

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

My prayers are the events of today and the last several weeks and months will inspire us all to come together in community that reaches to fulfill God's vision of wholeness and healing for us all. May God bless all of you, your families, our fellowship at WGUMC, our community and our nation. Tim