**Prayer Vigil for Our Democracy and Presidential Election**

1. **Centering Chime**

1. **Reading of Scripture *1 Kings 3:9* Read 3 times**

*Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?*

1. **Silence**
2. **Prayer for Our Democracy Psalm 72:1-7             Nan Merrill’s Psalms for Praying**

*Bring justice to the peoples, O Beloved, and your mercy to all generations! May the people be known for mercy, rendering justice to the poor! Let their spirits soar as the eagle let joy abide in every heart! May you heed the cry of the poor – the young and the old, setting free all those in need, melting the hearts of oppressors!*

*May we know you as long as the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations! May we acknowledge you in the rain falling on the fields, like shows that water the earth! In our day, may justice flourish, and peace abound, throughout all the nations!*

1. **Offering of Prayers (Spoken and Silent)**
2. **Sending Chime**