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

1. **Centering Chime**
2. **Reading of Scripture James 2:14-17 Read 3 times**

*"What good is it, my siblings, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."*

1. **Silence**
2. **Prayer for Our Democracy Adapted from the UCC Book of Worship**

*Gracious and loving God, we gather in this time of prayer, aware of the fragility of our democracy and the need for your justice and peace. We pray for all who govern, that they may serve with integrity and wisdom, guided by the principles of fairness and compassion.*

*We ask that you empower us to be agents of change, to speak truth to power, and to stand up for the marginalized and oppressed. May our voices join together in a chorus for justice, a symphony of peace, and a hymn of hope.*

*In the spirit of Christ, who calls us to love our neighbor and seek the common good, we pray. Amen.*

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