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

1. **Centering Chime**
2. **Reading of Scripture Matthew 5:1-9 Read 3 times**

*When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:*

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God…”*

1. **Silence**
2. **Prayer Congressional Chaplain ~ Rev. Dr. Margaret Grun Kibben [[1]](#footnote-1)**

*Eternal God, in this moment, take us away from the noise and demands of our work just the echoes of which seek to deafen our ears to Your voice. But speak through the clamor and silence all voices but Your own, that we would hear Your enduring Word for this day…*

*In the wealth of Your everlasting love, may we be content to leave in Your hands the outcome of our best intentions, the resolution to our most complex concerns, and the answer to our deepest desires.*

*In Your ageless name we pray. Amen.*

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

1. https://chaplain.house.gov/archive/index.html?id=4804 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)