**VOTE WITH LOVE**
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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: There are many voices that call for our fear.

**All: We will listen to Jesus’ words, “Don’t be afraid!”**

One: There are many voices that call for our hate.

**All: We will listen to Jesus’ call to “Love God and love our neighbor.”**

One: There are many voices that call for our silence.

**All: We will listen to the prophet’s challenge to be repairers of the breach.**

One: We join together in this season to *Vote with Love.*

**All: As one community, we worship God. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Holy One, we know that you want us to choose love, but instead we choose greed. We know that you ask us to care for creation, but instead we choose that which is cheap and easy. We know that you show us how to work for the flourishing of all our neighbors, but instead we let division, judgment, and fear get in the way. We hope for so much more for our neighborhoods, our nation, and our world.

**All: Forgive us when we choose anything less than love,**

**and anything that turns us away from you. Transform our indifference and despair into action and renewed commitment. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: God’s love is the source of our joy and strength. In that love, we are forgiven, renewed, and challenge to reach out in love to our neighbors. Amen.

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

One: Holy God, you have challenged us to Vote with Love, grounding ourselves in your truth. As we seek to live out our faith both privately and publicly, speak to us again today. Sustain us and encourage us with the truth of your presence. Overwhelm us with abundance of your love. Amen.

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

One: When we vote, we cast our hopes into the future. We when share our gifts in community, we help make those hopes a reality. Join us as we share our dreams with love.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**All: God of Love, we thank you for all you provide. Use these gifts to create your beloved community of love and compassion. Multiply hope and ease despair. Uplift justice and diminish oppression. Gather our gifts of love around those who need them most. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

One: Go now into an uncertain future, confident of God’s love. Trust that no matter what, the covenants of community will hold. Go and *Vote with Love*. Amen.