**Worship Resources for the Sunday Before Election Day
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**Call to Worship**

 Friends and neighbors, we gather to worship God our Creator on this Sunday before election day. Let us love God with all our heart, mind, and strength.

**We gather to honor the saints who have come before us, teaching us how to love in the fullness of God. Let us love God with all our heart, mind, and strength.**

We gather to fellowship with one another as we build relationships with our neighbors with whom we agree and disagree. Let us love our neighbor as ourselves.

**We gather in praise and celebration that the God of Justice and Peace will guide us through this significant moment in our democracy.** Let us love our neighbor as ourselves.

We gather to be nourished in bread and cup, remembering that God nourishes all communities with God’s love. Let us love our neighbors as ourselves.

**So come, friends and neighbors, and let us love God with all of who we are as we love and are loved by our neighbor.**

**Prayer of Reconciliation**

O Wise and Discerning God, we stand at the intersection of faith and politics praying for our democracy in every crevice of our nation. We confess that, as we approach election day, our focus is on our own nation rather than all nations of your creation. Pierce our self-centered focus so that we may broaden our awareness to our global neighbors fighting just as or harder for the rights of every person.

We acknowledge our nation’s democratic experiment as foundational to the strength and weakness of our country. Forgive us when we assume our democracy has always been fair and just to everyone. Pierce our privilege so that we may learn from the sins of our systemic discrimination of racism, sexism, ableism, and homophobia.

As election day nears, we confess our anxiousness and fear for the outcomes that are so critical to the rights of every neighbor. Breathe into all of us your peace that endures whatever outcomes may come from our votes. Hold us together as your Beloved Community in Christ’s liberating love. Amen.

**Assurance of Blessing**

God hears your prayers and responds in love. As you receive God’s love, go and love your neighbors on election day so that we may embody Christ’s Beloved Community today and always. Amen.

**Benediction**

 Go out from this place nourished in the love of God our Creator. May our communal prayer on election day be for Divine Peace to surround all voters, candidates, and election workers long after the polls are closed.

In the name of God our Creator, Christ, who teaches us to love, and the Holy Spirit that inspires new life in our community. This day and forevermore. Amen.