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Prayer

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Most Gracious and
Powerful God,
Give us the strength
of faith
for the days to come.
Help us to overcome
our fears.
Give us the courage
to follow the ways
of your Son's ministry.
May your will
be served
and may we not
grow weary
in doing what is right. Amen.

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In "[A Pastoral Letter to a United Church in a Divided Country](#)," the leadership of the United Church of Christ shared these words:

As we gather to worship this weekend, we will find among us many who are celebrating the decision that was reached - and many who are mourning it. We are, by all measures, a deeply divided people.

Because this election sharply separated us over matters of race, gender, human sexuality, faith, economic inequality and political persuasions, we all bear a heavy burden moving forward. It is our call, our shared mission, to heed the call of God's Spirit and to work to repair damages in our deeply wounded and fiercely broken body.

I included these words in my sermon last Sunday. In that sermon, I confessed the fear that is in my heart... a fear of what will happen to the disenfranchised, the poor, the alien, the broken and the weak. A fear that our brokenness will be further fueled by the anger and hate that has become so evident... a brokenness fueled by the labeling, stereotyping and mistrust that has been exacerbated during this election season.

The Rev. George Miller, pastor of Emanuel UCC in Sebring, Fla., wrote: "There are those filled with great hope; there are those filled with great fear. There are those that feel fully alive; there are those that feel utterly numb. My request today is that no matter how we voted, no matter where we stand or where we rest on the results, that we, as a church stay united. That we honor and respect one another; that we honor and respect one another's voices, opinions, thoughts."

For the Church it cannot be business as usual. We must reach out beyond our church walls to stand with the under-privileged, protect the vulnerable, bring hope to those who despair, lift up those who are down and make whole those who are broken. We must use our hands to welcome, not push away. We must use our feet to walk alongside those who need our support and not

trample those with whom we disagree. We must open our hearts to those who need our love and not harden our heart towards those we do not like or who are different.

In the final speech of her campaign, Hillary Clinton lifted up these words from Galatians: "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

Shalom,

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