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Dear Beloved in Christ,

As we gather in the wake of the recent presidential election, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the diverse feelings and opinions that may arise within our community. Elections can be a source of joy for some and disappointment for others. In all of this, we are called to be committed stewards of Christ's ministry by strengthening our faith, serving the community, and spreading his love by thought, word, and deed. We are members of one another and called to care for one another, particularly in times like this.

This election season has highlighted the many issues that our nation faces and the different perspectives that our members hold. It is a reminder that we share this country with people with varying opinions, and yet, as we try to care for one another, we should always be sensitive to the rights of others to hold opinions different than our own.

As followers of Christ, we are called to be peacemakers. If we are called to spread his love, I do believe that means truth-telling with a posture of humility. In the coming days, I encourage you to reach out to one another with compassion and understanding. Whether in your homes, workplaces, or within our church community, let us create spaces where differing views can be expressed respectfully and thoughtfully.

Remember the teachings of our faith that call us to love our neighbors as ourselves. We can disagree without being disagreeable, and we can challenge each other in a spirit of love and respect. Every single person is in need of wisdom from God and the will to pray for his Kingdom to come among us.

In these uncertain times, let us also remember that our ultimate hope lies not in any political leader or party, but in our Lord Jesus Christ, who invites us to walk in faith, love, and service. May we commit ourselves to be instruments of His peace and to work towards justice, compassion, and understanding in our community and beyond.

I am here for you as your pastor, and I invite you to reach out to me or to one another if you need to talk or seek support. Together, let us move forward in faith, love, and hope.

In Christ's love,

Anthony Estes  
Rector

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