

Pray.

Pray now,

Pray for the Others.

Love one another. The command echoes through Scripture and awakens us to life. Jesus intended for the world to verify the truth of his message by observing us in our love for one another and all God sends into our lives. (John 13:35, 17:22:23)

Almighty God, in Jesus' Name, we bow before you together in worship and praise because of Your love and grace in our lives. We hear the words of the angels who declared to your people, and to us, "Fear not!" In this season of unsettledness in the United Methodist Church, we confess that we bring unwanted, and sometimes hindering, sinful thoughts, actions, and fears with us to You, thinking that if we can just control a few more things or people, that we will move Your heart as we desire. Forgive us. Turn our hearts back to You and give us ears to hear again, "Fear not."

We know You are not done with any of us yet, even as You are allowing ground-shaking change to occur once again in Your Church. We grieve losses and celebrate what can be. Increase our trust in You and in the mission You have given us to be your hands and feet, and to reach a lost and broken world, those on every margin, and to confront every injustice. Remind us that the mission to make disciples for the transformation of the world won't change. Come, Holy Spirit, to guide every step and decision, heal our hearts, give us courage, and shine Your glory in us and around us to the world. Amen.