

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)

In this season, there are momentous preparations being made for our United Methodist community to part, possibly to multiply in new ways. How we do that matters. **Because praying is an expression of loving that is accessible to all, we, your Conference Leadership Team, call all who can sense the resonance of our voices to, "Pray with us!"** Pray for the wellbeing and faithfulness of those who think differently, whose path seems to diverge from your own. Pray for the ones with whom you are aligned, and for the ones who strive to lead in this poignantly sad and possibly exciting time. The world is watching how we treat one another.

This week's prayer is provided by the Rev. Steven Taylor:

Abba,

In Jesus' Name, we give honor to You as we humbly approach You in prayer today. We simply pray, "Come, Holy Spirit, Come!" It's only in You, Lord, and in Your presence with us, that we can see clearly Your desires for our lives, for our churches, and for the United Methodist Church. As disciples that strive to follow Jesus closer and closer, we wait and listen, talk and pray, in bold anticipation that, as we abide in Your presence, the future will be secure for us all. Protect and inspire our leaders. Encourage and steady your people. Call and equip us all for the days and years ahead. We have nothing and are nothing apart from You. With you, we have nothing to fear and everything to gain. Amen.