GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

OPENING LITANY

ONE: O God of Courage, be among us in this
sacred and set apart time and space,
as we lift our hearts to you together
ALL: To you, O God we lift our hearts in prayer
ONE: For courage to get to the polls
ALL: God, hear our prayer
ONE: For courage to cast our votes
ALL: God, hear our prayer
ONE: For courage to vote
for the sake of our democracy
ALL: God, hear our prayer
ONE: For courage to vote
for the common good of all
ALL: God, hear our prayer
ONE: For courage to cast our votes
in conviction of what is right and what is good
**ALL: O God, hear our prayers for this election
and all elections to come. Amen.**

SONG Standing in the Heart of Prayer

(V1) For my brother, for my sister, it's me O God
Standing in the heart of prayer (x2)

(V2) For the stranger, for my neighbor, it's me O God
Standing in the heart of prayer (x2)

(V3) For the sojourner, for the refugee, it's me O God
Standing in the heart of prayer (x2)

(V1) We shall o-ver-come, we shall o-ver-come,
we shall o-ver-come some day
O deep in my heart, I do believe
that we shall overcome someday
(V2) We'll go hand in hand . . .
(V3) Our God will see us through . . .
(V4) We shall live in peace . . .

THANK YOU

for hosting this prayer vigil

them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

VOTING FOR THE LEAST
O God of Courage,
Teach us your ways, so that all we do, we do for Jesus
It is Jesus who teaches us that whatever we do to
the least of these, we do it for him
Give us courage, O God to vote like Jesus would
by casting our ballot on behalf of the least of these
to vote for the least, for the lost,
and for the left behind,
to vote for the foreigner, for the sojourner,
and for the stranger
to vote for the captives and for the imprisoned
to vote for the powerless and for the vulnerable
to vote for the hurting and for the harmed
so that in all that we do, no matter what we do
we do it in the name of Jesus.

UNITED WE STAND
O God of Courage,
Give us courage to vote, for we stand united
as one people and one nation
United we stand for compassion for all
United we stand for the common good of all
United we stand for good to triumph over evil
United we stand for a way forward together
against all division and disunity and disillusionment
United we stand, O God stand with us
today, tomorrow, and all the days to come
Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG We Shall Overcome

(V4) For those near, for those far, it's me O God
Standing in the heart of prayer (x2)

PROTECTION OF THE POLLS
O God of Courage,
Protect the polls and the poll places
Protect the poll workers and the voters
Protect all people as they go to the polls
as they exercise their right to vote
as they vote in this election and all future elections
Protect the polls, O God today, tomorrow,
and all the days to come.
Amen.

ESTHER 4:12-14
12 When Mordecai received Esther's message, **13** he sent her this warning: "Don't imagine that you are safer than any other Jew just because you are in the royal palace. **14** If you keep quiet at a time like this, help will come from heaven to the Jews, and they will be saved, but you will die and your father's family will come to an end. Yet who knows—maybe it was for a time like this that you were made queen!"

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS
O God of Compassion,
Just like Esther the Queen,
we have been called for a time such as this
where we rise up and raise our voices at the polls
by voting all across this nation,
in every city and community
casting our ballots in commitment to democracy
casting our votes for the least of these
voting for the common good of all
and a future that brings good news
to the hurting and the hopeless

It is you, O God who calls us
to vote for a time such as this
Be with us, so that we can do
what you have called us to do
Amen.

SONG Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide (x2)
Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still
Let this be our song: no one stands alone
Standing side by side, Draw the circle wide
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide (x2)

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide

COURAGE TO SHOW UP AT POLLS
O God of Courage,
Grant us courage to show up to the polls
even if our bodies tremble
Grant us courage to speak up at the polls
even if our voice shakes
Grant us the courage to vote for what is right
even if it challenges the powers that be
even if it upends the status quo
even if it benefits others more than ourselves
and even if it is dangerous. Amen.

THE COURAGE TO VOTE
O God of Courage,

We pray for courage to vote in this election and
every election thereafter in the fight for our democracy
for courage to cast our votes as though
our lives depend on it; because they do
for courage to vote for the least of these;
for their lives depend on it
for courage to vote with conviction;
voting our conscience for the common good of all
for courage to vote like it matters; because it does
to our neighbors and to our nation,
to our communities and to our churches
to our ancestors and to our descendants
to everyone, everywhere, all across this world
Amen.

SONG We Shall Not Be Moved

We shall not, we shall not be moved (2x)
Just like a tree that's planted by the water
We shall not be moved

MATTHEW 25:34-40
34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come,
you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the world, **35** for I
was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you
gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you
welcomed me, **36** I was naked and you gave me clothing, I
was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you
visited me.' **37** Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord,
when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or
thirsty and gave you something to drink? **38** And when was it
that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and
gave you clothing? **39** And when was it that we saw you sick
or in prison and visited you?' **40** And the king will answer