



Service of Prayer for Las Vegas

First Presbyterian Church
Monteith Hall

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair

SCRIPTURAL LITANY

Rev. Jay Sanderford

One: We lift our hearts in prayer, O Lord,

Many: How long will we call for help and you not listen? We cry out to you, "Violence!" but you don't deliver us. (Habakkuk 1:2)

One: God will judge between the nations, and settle disputes of mighty nations. Then they will beat their swords into iron plows and their spears into pruning tools. Nation will not take up sword against nation; they will no longer learn how to make war. (Isaiah 2:4)

Many: My God! My God, why have you left me all alone? Why are you so far from saving me - so far from my anguished groans? (Psalm 22:1)

One: Don't fear, because I am with you; don't be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will surely help you; I will hold you with my righteous, strong hand. (Isaiah 40:10)

Many: The Lord proclaims - A Voice in Ramah, weeping and wailing. It's Rachel crying for her children; she refuses to be consoled, because her children are no more. (Jeremiah 31:15)

One: God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. (Revelation 21:4)

One: The Lord said to Cain "Where is your brother Abel?"

Many: "I don't know. Am I my brother's guardian?"

One: "What did you do? The voice of your brother's blood is crying from the ground."
(Genesis 4:9-10)

Many: Jesus began to weep. (John 11:35)

* HYMN 314

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 130:1-6

I cry out to you from the depths, Lord—
My Lord, listen to my voice!
Let your ears pay close attention to my request for mercy!
If you kept track of sins, Lord—
My Lord, who would stand a chance?
But forgiveness is with you—
that's why you are honored.
I hope, Lord. My whole being hopes, and I wait for God's promise.
My whole being waits for my Lord—
More than the night watch waits for morning;
Yes, more than the night watch waits for morning!

SILENT REFLECTION**EXTENDED PRAYER**

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers

Following each portion of the prayer, please join in singing:

**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

This is Hymn 471 O Lord, Hear My Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN 750**

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

*** BENEDICTION**

Leadership in this service is provided by Pastoral and Program Staff of First Presbyterian Church, all of whom are available to you for private prayer and conversation:

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff
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Eric Koenig-Reinke, Resident Minister
Reverend Dorothy Parks-Piatt, Resident Minister
Reverend Evans McGowan, Campus Ministries Coordinator
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Following this service all are invited to join us in the Welcome Center for coffee and tea.