

Pastoral Prayer
January 26, 2025

O God of liberty, vision, release, and good news,

We continue to pray for the residents of Los Angeles affected by the wildfires. We are relieved to hear that firefighters have been having success restraining the blazes, but the destruction has been devastating for us to see and especially for the people there to experience. May they find help, comfort, and support in these days and in the long years of recovery that lie ahead.

We pray earnestly for the success of the ceasefire in Gaza. We know it has been tenuous, we know it has not been completely successful. Bring your guidance to people and to leaders, that they may step back from the destruction and death, and slowly build a foundation for long-term peace.

Likewise we pray for those in other war-torn places of the world including Ukraine, Myanmar, Russia, Maghreb, Sudan, Ethiopia. Bring peace to those who most desperately lack it.

As we enter a period of leadership change in this church, bless the Rev. Diane Weible with your grace. She brings a great deal of talent, experience, and insight to her ministry, all of which you gave her, O God. Reinforce her spirit and multiply her gifts. May the leaders, members, and worshipers here bring their support to her and join together in a ministry that blesses this community and the world.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.