



## Let's Go Deeper...

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For the past couple weeks, I've been pondering a post-election sermon.

In my pre-election day pondering, I wondered aloud: Where to begin?

I posed to myself a question I knew I would need to grapple with *no matter the outcome of the election*, namely: What does one say after this (fill in your dark adjective of choice) campaign that has produced a President-elect half the country did not vote for, to some degree loathes, is viscerally fearful/ distrustful of, and deeply anxious about.

Several Scriptures have guided my deliberations, all of which I'll share with you Sunday.

For today, all I have is what was given to me Monday and yesterday: a conversation and a soundtrack of sacred music.

The conversation was one I had with my colleague and brother in Christ, The Rev. Don Gillett of East Second Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), late Monday morning. Don and I check in together periodically over coffee or lunch. When our conversation turned to the election, Don said, "David, no matter what happens, let's you and I covenant to gather some of our other colleagues and meet together about how we can be sources of healing and unity. This country needs it."

I said, "Count on me and count on Central."

The soundtrack of sacred music that undergirded my day yesterday and is with me this morning was provided by Jennie. When I stepped out of the shower yesterday morning and was toweling off, I heard her playing the piano in our living room. Whatever she was playing while I was in the shower was lost on me, but what I heard was the following:

"Seek Ye First" *Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu. Alleluia.*

Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer"

"Dona Nobis Pacem" Latin for "Grant us peace."

"Spirit of the Living God" *Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

I jotted those titles in my prayer journal and prayed over/ sang them throughout the day. I'm singing and praying them this morning. And before the day is out, I'll follow up with Don about getting together. And I'm praying for our President-elect, our nation, our world, and our church. Please join me.