

# Love Rising

*A Community Day of Prayer &  
Meditation in Newfane & Olcott, NY*



**July 15, 2020**

*There is no bigger power than to love. That is what we  
are all here on earth to do. Now is the time for all of us  
to show — in our words, our actions, and our lives —  
what love really looks like.*

## Opening Prayer

Let the time not be distant, O God, when all shall turn to You in love, when corruption and evil shall give way to integrity and goodness, when superstition shall no longer enslave the mind, nor idolatry blind the eye. O may all, created in Your image, become one in spirit and one in friendship, forever united in Your service to celebrate the joys of humanity and to respond to the needs of humanity.

All: **Amen**

*All rise in body or spirit*

Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**Reflection** Lay Minister Brian Scott

**Reading** - Colossians 3:12-14

One: As God's own, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

**Reflection** The Very Rev Randi Hicks Rowe

**Reading** – Micah 6:8

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

**Reflection** Pastor Marilyn J. Kasperek

*All rise in body or spirit*

Hymn "The Voice of God is Calling"

**Prayer**

Loving God, in ancient days, in the face of a world filled with violence, your rainbow promise embraced the skies with every color in creation. Renew in us our commitment to that rainbow of hope. We pray for the lost and the wounded, for their families and beloved ones. Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or

weep. Hold fast the sorrowful, and make us all instruments of your peace.

**All: Amen.**

*While saying the following prayer, all are invited to go outside and light your candle*

**Marilyn** Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet. Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

**Brian** Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet. Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love.

**Randi** Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet. Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light.

**All** Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet. Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

**This concludes the service...Go in Peace**