

Dear Grace Community,

I am writing to you from my office on another beautiful fall day at Grace. I am filled with gratitude for the laughter and play I can hear coming from the playground. I am also anxious and uncertain as we wake up today to an undecided election.

After so many months of uncertainty because of Covid, I am noticing that this feeling of uncertainty is one I am beginning to find familiar and regular. I am wondering if maybe I have developed new strength to face this persistent state of being. I also wonder if Grace students are growing into new resilience and comfort with change. Seeing them on campus when I do, I see new skills and growth in them and it fills me with pride and hope.

As you face this day, wherever you are physically and emotionally, I want to offer a few things.

- There is a prayer service being led by our Bishop Mariann Budde at 12 noon today. You can find out more [here](#).
- At Grace, no matter the outcome of this election, we will continue to affirm what we believe as a school community: love, justice, compassion, and the dignity of all humanity.
- We will continue to connect with your children in person and online to help them to process any feelings of uncertainty or fear they may be managing.

Sending you my best wishes always,

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