Receiving the Covid-19 Vaccine Milestone Moment

Caring Conversations

- What have you done to stay healthy and keep others healthy during this pandemic?
- What milestones or events have you missed celebrating as you usually would?
- Where have you found peace or comfort during this pandemic?
- What do you think will change when everyone is vaccinated?
- What are you most excited to do after your vaccine?

Devotions

Read the following.

Exodus 23:25 (NRSV): You shall worship the Lord your God, and I will bless your bread and your water; and I will take sickness away from among you.

- How would you read this bible verse differently during the pandemic vs. after you receive the vaccine?
- How is the vaccine a blessing?
- Where do you see signs of God's hope?

Service

This pandemic has been especially hard on our health care workers, among many others. Consider showing your support to those working diligently to "take sickness away from you."

- Bring a thank you note with you to your vaccine to give to someone who helps you.
- Donate health care supplies to a local homeless shelter.
- Bring a thank you card with you for your health care provider either at your vaccine appointment or the next time you see your regular provider.
- Donate bottled water and/or prepackaged snacks to vaccine or testing sites.
- Think of someone who has helped you during this pandemic and find a creative way to say thank you.

Rituals and Traditions

God our healer and our protector,
We are thankful for the scientists, researchers, doctors, nurses, factory workers, truck drivers, and all the people involved in creating and distributing a vaccine that will help so many people lead long, full, and healthy lives. We pray today for those receiving the vaccine and for those still waiting, that they may receive your healing and your protection. Amen.

Blessing (as you mark the sign of the cross on their forehead or back of their hand): _Name_, child of God, may God our healer and protector be with you always.