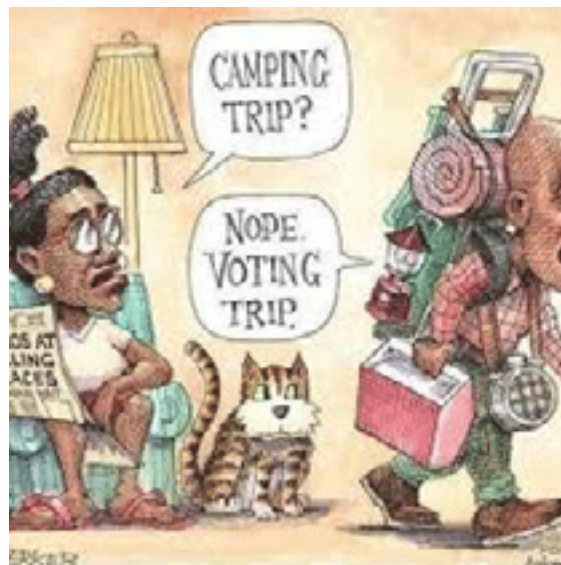


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020



Dear Ones,

The fifth principle of Unitarian Universalism calls us to affirm and promote “the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process.” On the Sunday before Election Day, there was a tradition in New England Unitarian churches for the minister to preach what was called the Election Sermon. The idea, as I understand it, was to offer non-partisan encouragement to fulfill our civic duty to vote, and, as people of faith, to vote our values. I know you know when and how to vote; if you have any questions, please click [here](#). But this election year being what it is, I am reviving the Election Sermon tradition with a twist, using this Sunday to invite us to begin preparing for the period of time between Election Day and Inauguration Day — a time that may well be fraught. My sermon is called Stopping a Coup.

This Sunday, Yulia Yun plays piano and organ; soprano Hana Omori, accompanied by her father, Kazuhiro, on piano, sings Michael Jackson’s *Heal the World*; tenor Daniel Rosensweig sings Pat Humphries’ (Emma’s Revolution) *Keep On Moving Forward*; and baritone Tevan Goldberg sings Stephen Stills’ *For What It’s Worth* and Bob Dylan’s *The Times They Are A-Changin’*. John O’Connor is our worship coordinator.

In addition to all our usual gatherings in the Arlington Street Zoom room throughout the week, we have two special offerings coming up: on Monday, a conversation for those of us with parents in nursing homes; and on Friday, a conversation about the spiritual practice of making altars, in anticipation of El Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead and All Souls Day.

Rev. Beth is making a slideshow for our service on Sunday, November 1st, when we honor our ancestors and loved ones who have gone before us. Please send photos of those you would like featured during the ¡Presente! (a Latin American ritual meaning “present;” they are here with us in spirit). We would love to see you in the photo, too, but whatever you choose is perfect. Please include the name of your loved one(s) and your name in the body of the email (not on the photo), and send it to [office@ASCBoston.org](mailto:office@ASCBoston.org). The deadline is 5:00 on Thursday, October 29th. I’ll remind us about this again next week, but the sooner you get your photos in, the better!

Finally, your donations to NEADS — this month’s Share the Plate recipient — have been very generous, despite the technical difficulties we experienced with Text to Give on October 3rd. Thank you! If you’d like to give or give some more, we’re going to finish up that “ask” during worship this Sunday. Or if you’d like to do it right now, you can click [here](#) and select Share the Plate or (get ready for it; this is why we had technical difficulties!) text (in this order)

the amount you want to give (just the number; no dollar sign) and  
the word DOG  
to (617) 300-0509.

So if I want to give \$50 to NEADS, which I do, I’ll put 50 DOG into a text. I have a feeling that a lot of extra gifts have come to NEADS from Art Nava and Liz Teixeira as they figured this out! Thank you, Art and Liz!

I miss you every day, and I’m so grateful to Zoom for helping keep us together while we’re apart. See you in the Zoom room!

*Faithfully Yours, with love always,  
Kim*



*For our November 1st slideshow, here’s Rev. Beth with her friend of blessed memory, Suzanne.*