



FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH, 2020



Thanks to Jeffrey Bouchard, Jon Andersen-Miller, Polly Latham, and Boston Board for their work to protect our Tiffany stained glass windows

Dearly Beloved,

We are heartsick and soul-sick over the murder of George Floyd ... only the most recent in untold thousands. The New York Times' Frank Bruni summed up what so many of us are feeling when he wrote on Thursday, "I see not just unconscionable cruelty but inexplicable failure. How is it that more than five decades since 1968, we still have such rampant brutality, such florid racism? George Floyd's fate wasn't an aberration. It was an emblem."

In the face of injustice, our Unitarian Universalist faith calls us to action. Dr. King, paraphrasing abolitionist and Unitarian minister Theodore Parker, said, "The moral arc of the universe is long, but it bends toward justice." It bends, my friends, when we bend it.

There are many, many people and organizations doing good work right now to move the needle to dismantle systemic racism in our country. Several of you have written asking how to help - starting with where to donate. If you'd like to add your favorites, we'll run a list in next week's Snapshot. I'll start: I'm supporting the Movement for Black Lives ([M4BL.org](https://m4bl.org)). Founded in response to the murder of Michael Brown, an 18-year-old black man who was fatally shot by a Ferguson, Missouri police officer in August of 2014, M4BL is made of up hundreds of organizations,

including Black Alliance for Justice Immigration, Black Lives Matter Network, Black Organizing for Leadership and Dignity, Black Movement Law Project, and Black Youth Project 100.

This Sunday, my sermon is called Hearing the Unheard, based on Dr. King's insight that "a riot is the language of the unheard." Rev. Beth joins me in the pulpit. Director of Music Mark David Buckles is joined by Ann-Marie Iacoviello, Daniel Rosensweig, Hana and Kazuhiro Omori, Julie Metcalf, and Tevan Goldberg to sing "Make Them Hear You" from Ragtime; Rev. Osagyefo Uhuru Sekou and the Peace Poets "Neighbor;" and John Legend, DeVon Harris, Kawan Prather, and Marcus Bryant's "If You're Out There." Yulia Yun is on piano playing Bob Marley's "One Love" and Stevie Wonder's "Love's In Need Of Love Today." In solidarity with the history of Black civil rights and the history being made now in response to the murder of George Floyd, we'll close the service with the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Two of the protective coverings on our Tiffany stained glass windows have been damaged over the past several weeks by white men hurling bricks. On Sunday, we'll be livecasting from a sanctuary darkened by the plywood that has been installed over the windows to keep them from harm.

Very thankfully, in the midst of all these troubles, we have something truly joyful to look forward to this Sunday: we'll be welcoming new members! Following the service at 12:30, they will be voted into membership at our Annual Meeting. Please plan to stay gathered in the Zoom room to join me in welcoming Martha & Spencer Bonnie (Al Ingram's family joining from Green Bay, Wisconsin!), Stephen Hemrick & Richard Schneider, Rebecca Meskil, Amy Traverso, and Ksenia Varlyguina.

The prompt for this coming week's Tea Time with the Ministers is *What lesson was I born to learn?* This coming week is the final week of the spring schedule for our weekday Zoom gatherings. Please check in at [ASCBoston.org](https://www.ascboston.org) to watch for new times!

Normally, Boston Pride - the 50th anniversary! - would begin this coming week. Rev. Beth, Mark David, Queen Cheryl, and I are trying to bring a little Pride into our service a week from Sunday! I'll tell you much more next week, but for now, here's something important:

As always, we'd like to do a *¡Presente!* as part of the service. If you are new to this, in Latin America, at gatherings for social change, there is a tradition of calling out the names of the dead. After each name is called, the people respond, *¡Presente!*, meaning "present." The *¡Presente!* is an affirmation of the ways in which we carry forward the purposes and meanings of the lives of our dead: *¡Presente!* They are here in spirit, within us and among us.

To that end, **please send an email to office@ASCBoston.org with *Presente* in the subject line and the names of loved ones who have died whom you would like to lift up on June 14th.** We're going to create a Zoom screenshare of all the names. **IMPORTANT:** In the body of the email, please write your list like this, names stacked on each other, with no punctuation in between:

Paul Richards

Patrick Grace

Don Sterton

to make it easier for us to copy and paste into one huge file. Thank you!

Remember: Together, even while we're apart, we can change the world.

Faithfully yours, with love always,

Kim

Love's In Need of Love Today ~ Stevie Wonder

Love's in need of love today

Don't delay

Send yours in right away

Hate's goin' round

Breaking many hearts

Stop it please

Before it's gone too far

People you know that

Love's in need of love today

Don't delay

Right away

Just give the world love.



This is how Encinitas, California does a protest march. Estimated at 4,000+, it was the largest ever Paddle-Out, preceded by 8 minutes, 46 seconds of silence.



A Minneapolis school asked people to donate food for students after looting closed stores. Miles of cars lined up.