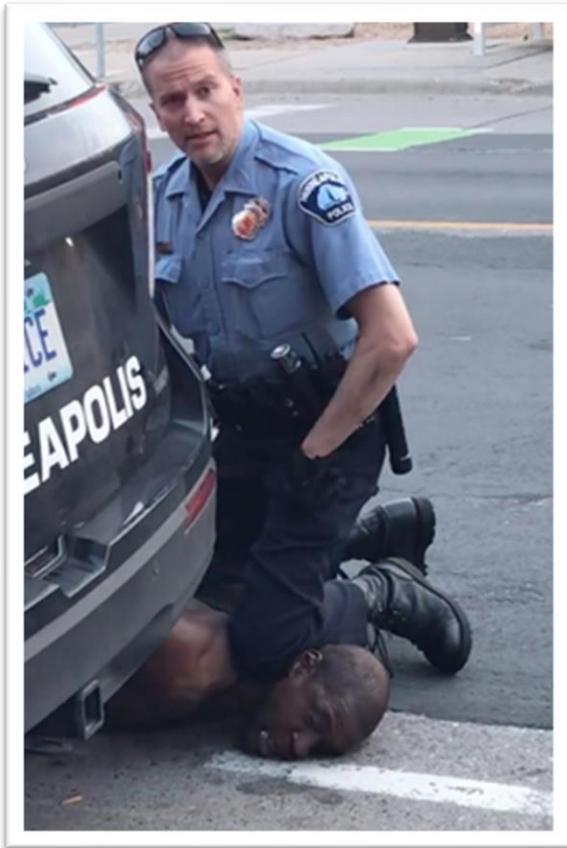


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CHEWING AND WALKING AT THE SAME TIME: Two White-privileged UUs Reflect on the Current Fight for Racial Justice



George Floyd and Derek Chauvin - 2020



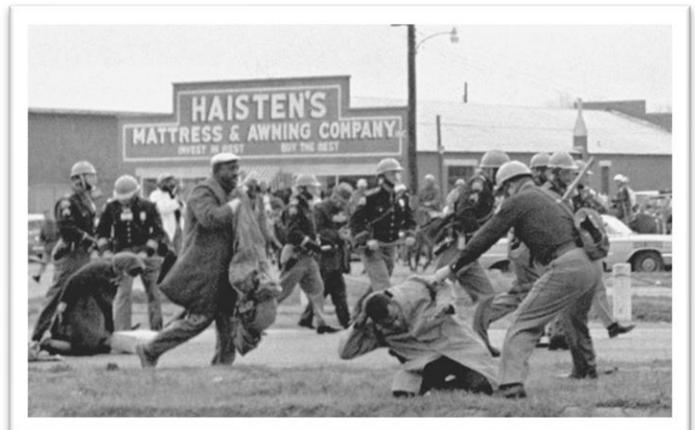
Emmett Till - 1955



Birmingham 1963



Rodney King beating - 1991



John Lewis beaten on Bloody Sunday - Selma 1965

PRELUDE

"A Change is Gonna Come"

Sam Cooke

OPENING WORDS

READING "Healing"

Adam Lawrence Dyer

See text of poem here: <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/reading/healing>

REFLECTION #1 - "Chewing" by Jerry Phelan

REFLECTION #2 - "Walking" by Kay Meyer

CLOSING WORDS

(1) From "Letter from a Birmingham Jail"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

(2) From June 4, 2020 UUA press release by Susan Frederick-Grey

"I must make two honest confessions to you, my Christian and Jewish brothers. First, I must confess that over the past few years I have been gravely disappointed with the white moderate. I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro's great stumbling block in his stride toward freedom is not the White Citizen's Counciler or the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate, who is more devoted to "order" than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice; who constantly says: "I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I cannot agree with your methods of direct action"; who paternalistically believes he can set the timetable for another man's freedom; who lives by a mythical concept of time and who constantly advises the Negro to wait for a "more convenient season." Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. Lukewarm acceptance is much more bewildering than outright rejection." — Martin Luther King Jr.

"I don't know all of what is ahead, but I know that we as Unitarian Universalists need to be ready to respond with our faith out front and ready to care and lead in ways that are needed and asked for." — Susan Frederick-Gray, President of the UUA

POSTLUDE

"Where is the Love"

The Black Eyed Peas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YsRMoWYGLNA>

People killin', people dyin'
Children hurtin', I hear them cryin'
Can you practice what you preachin'?
Would you turn the other cheek again?
Mama, mama, mama, tell us what the hell is goin' on
Can't we all just get along?

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Antiracism reading list (first four books have now spent several weeks on the New York Times best seller list for nonfiction):

How to be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi

The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Race by Robin DiAngelo

So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo

Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America by Ibram X. Kendi

The Fire This Time: A New Generation Speaks About Race edited by Jesmyn Ward

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehasi Coates

The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime, and the Making of Modern Urban America by Khalil Gibran Muhammad (2019)

White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide by Carol Anderson (2016)

Me and White Supremacy by Layla F. Saad (2020)

Link to "Dear White People, This is What We Want You to Do" (part of the blog "Inside the Kandi Dish" by Kandise Le Blanc <https://insidethekandidish.wordpress.com/2020/05/30/dear-white-people-this-is-what-we-want-you-to-do/>)