



God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

The passage above from the book of the Prophet Micah might well be our marching orders for this time and place we find ourselves in. We are besieged by a pandemic, an economic downturn and now I hope we are facing the reality of our country's original sin of slavery that continues to rear its ugly head in the brutal deaths of so many of our Black siblings.

Last Sunday in my sermon I spoke about the need for each of us to do something to make a difference and I think the idea of doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with God has to be at the center of how we act and what we do.

I realize that not everyone can attend a public march, but everyone can participate in virtual educational opportunities, rallies and calls to make a difference. So today in the first of my Tuesday devotionals, that you can also listen to on our podcast at New Church, United Church of Christ, I want to share with you ways in which you can make a difference, ways you can make your voice heard and ways you can be engaged in doing the justice work to which God calls us.

This Friday, June 19 at 12:00noon, CDT, Faith 2020 will be hosting a zoom webinar called "An Anti-Racism Conversation and will feature Bishops Yvette Flunder and Carlton Pearson. I cannot recommend this to you highly enough. I have known Bishop Flunder for years and believe she is an amazing leader and has important words to share that will help all of us learn. You can register for the free event by going to: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-WJ5X_-TKyw9TFmgzsQBA

Then on Saturday, June 20 from 10:00am until 12:00noon, the "Never Again Pilgrimage sponsored by Faith in Texas will take place beginning at the JFK Memorial Plaza, 646 Main St, Dallas, 75202 and concluding at the Frank Crowley Courts Building, 133 N Riverfront Blvd, Dallas, 75207. The pilgrimage route is 1.4 miles and you are encouraged to bring water, masks, hand sanitizer, signs that say, "Never Again" or "Black Lives Matter." You can register for this free event here:

<https://faithintexas.salsalabs.org/neveragainpilgrimage/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&Id=43dc4de5-c4d9-4799-baa0-28c798188e26>

Finally, and these are only two of the many important online and in-person events taking place, I want to personally invite you to worship online with us at New Church, this Sunday, June 21, when we will have a special remembrance of our Black siblings who have been killed by police and other violent actions. You can find the link to our live worship service at: www.thenewchurch.com

I know that we cannot do everything, but I believe as people of faith who call ourselves Christians, we are called by God to do something. Let each of us reach deep into our souls and ask, "What is it that is mine to do, right here, right now trusting that the God of creation, the God of Jesus, the God who has given us the Holy Spirit will be with us.

Holy One, help me today and every day to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you. Amen.

