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Dear friends in Christ,

There are a couple of things I want to address in this week's post. First, many of you are aware that charges of racial profiling and police brutality surfaced last week in our community. It proved to be an unfortunate event that resulted in great tension at the UU Church between their board and pastor. Please keep them in your prayers as they work through their pain. Members of NAOMI, including one of our members, were present at the event. I just want to say that I am proud of Ron Alexander and Kate Gaines. They attended, not to accuse anyone, but to be a voice for dialogue and communications in the name of justice within our community and with the police. That may not have been clear in the news reports or in discussions within the community. You are welcome to talk to Ron at your convenience about the event.

Secondly, we will be entering the most holy time of the Christian year beginning on Sunday. I want to remind everyone that we have one service at 9 am so the church family can begin the journey together. Each day of Holy Week, I will be writing a special post for Facebook. These posts will reflect a journey I have taken over the Lenten season, as I studied and reflected on the lessons of Holy Week and Easter. They represent a new, and I hope deeper, understanding of what happens and God's love for us. I invite you to follow the posts and respond with your thoughts and questions.

I suppose this reflection focuses on where our faith takes us in the world, and where God calls us. We don't always know, but we still step forward, anticipating that God will be where we go, even if it sometimes mean finding Him correct us. May your journey, and may our journey, this Holy Week bring us to a place among the living, where Christ lives, and we live with Him.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr David