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In the Wake of Events at the Capitol

Dear Ones.

My heart is with you in this frightening moment. The hate and division that has been encouraged is now erupting at the Capitol. Let us remember, alongside the news and worry, that we have a community of support around us. In this moment, I encourage each of you to take good care of yourselves, your loved ones, and to seek support when you need it. Remember that we are here for you, and you can reach out any time for grounding and support to me (revp@accotinkuu.org; 703-957-0672) and the members of the Pastoral Care Team (Rev. Alexa Fraser, Amy Tomasco, Ann Smith, Connie Diamant, Ken Heller, and Mark Roman via pastoralcare@accotinkuu.org).

For support in prayer and a sense of connection with people in the wider area, I invite you to join me in the below prayer vigil created by the DC Clergy Collective and Luther Place Church. Their invitation follows:

You are invited to join Luther Place Church and the DC Clergy Collective for a movement of individual and shared prayer for a 24-hour cycle from Wednesday, January 6th at 9:00am until Thursday, January 7th at 9:00am. We ask that every hour, on the hour, you commune with the God of justice and healing as a faithful witness against the evils of white supremacy and all forms of hatred and division between God's beloved ones. ... Know that every hour on the hour you will be speaking words of prayer and power with others throughout the District. For security reasons, live stream and social media usage will be limited during this period. However, if you feel called to share a prayer via social media, host a Facebook live prayer, or light a candle as a ritual of solidarity you are encouraged to do so at whichever hour is most accessible for you or for as many hours as you would like. Usable hashtags include: #DC24HoursofPrayer #DCClergyCollective Thank you for your solidarity and witness.

Prayers for each hour:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rmLQeorjo2BQglfPJHvM3oYSbe0TsFi9/view?usp=sharing

I will be reciting these prayers with you, every hour. Together we will care for one another and together we will do our part to build a future beyond this hate, divisiveness, and violence. A future with justice, democracy uncorrupted, compassion, and care for one another and our planet. Our highest mission continues, and in this moment it most needs for us to be held in love and support no matter what unfolds.

Sending each of you prayers of love and light,

Rev Pippin