

**SUNDAY, April 25, 2021, MORNING MESSAGE**

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This week saw the end of the trial of Michael Chauvin, the former Minneapolis police officer, convicted in the death of George Floyd in 2020. Those who gathered to hear the verdict read outside the courthouse and across the nation shared their relief that justice had been accomplished for the family of this man whose death was seen by people around the world. Justice has been achieved but only in part.

Justice isn't a virtue attained and then set aside. Justice requires continued work and vigilance. It is work we all must do and it is hard work because it requires us to set aside prejudices and privilege. One chapter has ended in this story, many more chapters are yet to be written.

The following is a prayer by the Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, the President and Executive Director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

*Holy One. There is still much work to be done. The struggle for justice stretches out before us today just as it did yesterday and in days gone by. One decision has not changed the reality that many still live with fear. Equality is not yet realized and equity is but a distant dream.*

*Give us strength to continue the struggle today, tomorrow and until your kingdom comes. In the name of your son, Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.*

Blessings,  
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