My friends;

As I write this, I, perhaps like you, find that I have been glued to the TV for hours, watching things unfold in our nation's capitol. I have reached out to your UU Falmouth staff, and told them to prioritize self-care and caring for their families right now. I encourage you to do the same. Prioritize caring for yourself and your loved ones. Reach out to your support system. I need you to take care of yourself right now. If you know of any member or friend of our congregation who doesn't have access to email, please call them and check on them. Check on each other.

I'm hearing lots of talk via social media or text about whether or not we should have a rally or vigil. At this moment, with the chaos so raw and immediate, I encourage us to wait and focus on caring for each other. I imagine a time to gather will come soon, especially after we see what this evening brings. It is possible the UUA will put together an event like they did after the November election. If I learn of any events happening, in person or virtual, we will make sure to get the word out right away. But for now, hold on, and take care of yourself and each other. Drink water. Eat something. Try your best to get some rest. Do what you need to do to take care of yourself physically and emotionally. That way, when it's time to act, you'll be ready.

I have no idea what is going to happen. I know I'm hugging my family extra close, and in my heart I am hugging each and every one of you. I said this past summer that the moment calls for us to be an explicitly anti-fascist and anti-racist congregation. That is true now more than ever. We must name this moment for what it is: this is an attempt at a fascist coup. As a faith that affirms to promote the democratic process, we oppose what is happening in the strongest possible terms. We will do our part to preserve and rebuild democracy in the wake of this moment.

 Whatever the future brings, we will face it together. I promise you that.

I love you.

Yours in the struggle;

Rev. David