

Transcript 09/05/2021 "Still Marching, Marching: Unions and the Work of Social Justice"

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[Music]

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me

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so

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[Music]

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so

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[Music]

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[Music]

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all right good morning

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and welcome to the unitarian

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universalist church of utica

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my name is melissa barlett and i am a

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member of our worship committee

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whether you have been you are visiting

02:38

for the first time or have been a member

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for many years you are welcome here

02:42

whatever faiths you have known if any

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you are welcome here

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whoever you are and whoever you love you

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are welcome here

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we are invited to bring our whole selves

02:53

to this worship service our doubts as

02:55

well as our convictions the pain and joy

02:58

we have known our longing for connection

03:01

and understanding every part of you is

03:04

welcome here

03:05

you are signing in today for the first

03:07

time we're glad you've joined us would

03:08

love to learn more about you and connect

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you with our newsletter a little bit

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later i'll get a link to uh in the chat

03:15

to a forum that we would hope any

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visitors would fill out and hope you

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would stay for some informal

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conversation in breakout rooms after the

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service

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so

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a couple of

03:26

quick announcements um

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the information on this uh has now been

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out in our newsletter and you'll see it

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elsewhere but we are hosting a uh

03:36

workshop related to anti-racism worth by

03:40

patrick johnson on september 18th that

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is a saturday

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and we're gonna be hosting it outdoors

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at the church uh i believe it is uh five

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hours lunch included so 9 30 to 2 30 and

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we'll break for lunch which we will

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provide we'd love you to spread the word

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far and wide uh because we'd like it to

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not just be church folk but open to the

04:01

community so i talked to patrick about

04:03

it this week we're very excited

04:05

um and then

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also with that and with some of our

04:09

outdoor services and with the surge of

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delta the reopening team is going

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to

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recommend that even at our outdoor

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events if we are in close contact then

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so talking to each other nearby that we

04:23

start wearing masks so we'll be asking

04:25

you to bring and wear those at some of

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our outdoor events we are looking at

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having next week's service both outdoors

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and streamed assuming the weather

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continues to cooperate with me

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so hopefully that will work out

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all right i think that's all my

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announcements so

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let me introduce our our speakers you'll

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be hearing from later so later today we

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have with us two women that i have the

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pleasure of knowing and working with by

04:51

way of the women's committee of nicet

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the new york state united teachers union

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let me tell you a little bit about them

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uh sandy carner shafrin is a recently

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retired teaching assistant in the

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special education programs

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for the washington saratoga warren

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hamilton essex boces for over 38 years

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she's currently an at-large director

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serving on the executive board at nyset

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and serves on the executive board as

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labor ambassador for the saratoga

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adirondack boces employees association

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local

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second vice president of the nice

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retiree council tent

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president of the saratoga central labor

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council and policy board member of the

05:35

greater capital region teacher center

05:38

helps develop and conduct workshops as

05:40

an srp professional development program

05:43

trainer through nysits education and

05:45

learning trust and serves as coordinator

05:47

for srp programs for nyset's elt program

05:51

sandy also is a long time steering

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committee member of nyset's women's

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committee

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the civil human rights committee and the

05:58

lgbt committee

06:00

our other speaker leslie rose is a mom a

06:04

teacher and a unionist and she is proud

06:06

of each of those titles

06:07

leslie's been an elementary school

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teacher for 25 years in her local union

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the woodmere faculty association she's

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political action chair executive board

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member building rep solidarity committee

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person and delegate to the neison ra our

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annual meeting

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leslie is co-chair of the nicet women's

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committee recently completed training as

06:28

an implicit bias trainer through nasa's

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civil and human rights committee he's a

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nicett delegate for long island

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federation of labor in 2021 leslie

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became the at large political action

06:39

coordinator for nicet nassau county

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this position she serves as a liaison

06:44

between elected officials and the union

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she also creates and enhances media in

06:48

order to educate organize and mobilize

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union members on education and labor

06:52

issues

06:53

leslie wears many hats but her efforts

06:55

have a consistent focus

06:57

ensuring that people are treated fairly

07:00

so i look forward to hearing from both

07:03

of these ladies later in our service and

07:05

i hope you do too

07:07

let us open our hearts and minds to the

07:09

experience of community and the wisdom

07:12

of love

07:14

our call to worship this morning

07:18

invoking the past present and future

07:21

by katie romano griffin

07:25

come

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let us enter the space of hope and

07:28

community

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come let us enter this space with our

07:32

sorrows our joys our passion and

07:35

compassion

07:38

come let us enter this space with the

07:40

stories of our ancestors for their

07:42

strength and wisdom beats in our hearts

07:46

come into this space present to the

07:49

beloved companions who move beside us

07:52

come into this space

07:54

mindful that together we are building a

07:57

future for other generations

08:00

come

08:02

come into this space

08:03

and let us worship

08:07

the words of our first hymn come from a

08:10

poem by james oppenheim written in 1911

08:14

based on a speech by helen todd a

08:16

suffragist and worker's right activist

08:19

who spoke these words in 1910

08:22

woman is the mothering element in the

08:24

world and her vote will go toward

08:26

helping forward the time when life's

08:29

bread which is home shelter and security

08:32

and the roses of life music education

08:35

nature and books shall be the heritage

08:38

of every child that is born in the

08:39

country in the government of which she

08:42

has a voice

08:44

the poem which has been set to music

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multiple times was then used uh during

08:48

the textile workers strike in lawrence

08:50

massachusetts in 1912 during which

08:52

mostly women and immigrants went on

08:54

strike for over two months before their

08:56

demands were finally met

08:57

so join me in singing these words uh

09:01

number one zero nine as we come marching

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marching

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as we come marching marching

09:19

in the beauty

09:28

a thousand workshops

09:42

for the people hear us

09:49

[Music]

10:02

children and we mother them again

10:08

our lives shall not be sweated

10:13

from earth until life grows

10:21

give us bread but give us roses

10:26

as we come marching marching

10:42

[Music]

10:53

yes it is

11:11

a rising lovely

11:14

[Music]

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but a sharing of life's glories

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[Music]

11:43

i light our chalice this morning with uh

11:46

words by florence

11:49

kaplao honoring our labors

11:54

in recognition of labor day

11:56

we light this flame

11:58

to honor all the work

12:01

including the work of our hands

12:03

and our backs

12:05

in gratitude for all the laborers that

12:07

support our world and for all those who

12:10

boldly continue the work of justice

12:13

equity and peace

12:18

now

12:18

i have a story i'm going to read

12:23

all right our story is called

12:27

side by side lotto a lotto by monica

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brown and illustrated by

12:33

joe cepeda it's in both english and

12:36

spanish but i'm going to read mostly the

12:38

english part

12:42

so does the story of dolores puerta and

12:45

cesar chavez

12:53

in new mexico

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there lived a little girl named dolores

12:57

who talked so fast that her grandfather

12:59

once said

13:01

dolores you must have seven tongues or

13:10

many miles away in arizona

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there lived a little boy named cesar who

13:15

was a very good listener

13:18

cesar listened to his mother cry when

13:20

his family lost its home and they had to

13:22

become migrant farm workers

13:28

when dolores was a girl she moved to

13:30

california with her mother and brothers

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she joined the girl scouts and worked to

13:34

raise money for soldiers fighting in

13:36

world war ii

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cesar's family moved to california to

13:42

follow the crops and work in the fields

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although he had to drop out of school to

13:47

work cesar always had a book under his

13:50

arm

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from her mother dolores learned to think

13:58

of others

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when poor farmworker families had no

14:01

place to sleep dolores mother would let

14:03

them stay at her hotel for free

14:08

life for cesar's family was difficult

14:11

all day they bent over in the hot sun

14:13

picking lettuce strawberries and grapes

14:16

there was never enough water to drink

14:18

out in the fields

14:23

dolores grew up and became a teacher

14:25

she saw the farmworker children come to

14:27

school cold and barefoot too hungry to

14:30

learn as well as they could

14:34

cesar grew up he and his friends were

14:35

hurt by dangerous tools and had mean

14:38

bosses who sprayed the plants with

14:39

poisons that made the farmworkers sick

14:45

then something special happened

14:48

dolores and cesar met

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dolores saw that cesar had great faith

14:53

his dreams would bring hope to thousands

14:55

of farmworkers

14:57

cesar said saw that dolores had great

14:59

courage she would stand up and fight for

15:01

what was right

15:03

side by side dolores and cesar began

15:07

their journey

15:13

here's a picture of them

15:17

dolores and cesar drove from town to

15:19

town standing on the back of flat bed

15:22

trucks and inviting farmworkers to join

15:24

the la caza the cause for justice

15:27

together they demanded better living and

15:29

working conditions for the farmworkers

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cesar and dolores asked people to stop

15:36

buying grapes from california because

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the poisons the growers used there were

15:40

making the workers sick

15:42

people listened and the grapes rotted on

15:43

the vines

15:45

the farm workers won

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they got a safer place to work and the

15:49

grapes became safer for people to eat

15:56

cesar led men women and children on a

15:58

340 mile march to demand that workers

16:01

get paid enough to live on

16:03

they arrived in sacramento california on

16:05

april 10th dolores birthday

16:08

dolores gave an amazing speech and the

16:10

people were heard

16:12

the growers signed a contract with the

16:13

workers giving them better pay for their

16:15

hard work

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it was time for the farmworkers to share

16:18

in the harvest

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so they each had a large family little

16:24

food and no money

16:25

when dolores and cesar sat down at

16:27

cesar's kitchen table they always looked

16:30

for ways to make the world a better

16:32

place

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if we don't help the farmworkers caesar

16:36

ask dolores who will

16:39

no no

16:41

yeah

16:48

when the growers and the politicians

16:50

wouldn't listen

16:51

cesar stopped eating for 36 days so

16:54

others would understand how important it

16:56

was to protect the workers

16:59

and their bosses bullied them the

17:01

workers used to say we can't win we

17:03

can't do it

17:04

no podemos le garlo nobody

17:08

but with the help of dolores they began

17:10

to chant yes we can

17:12

si se puede see you see puede

17:18

for 30 years dolores and cesar worked

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and listened and talked and marched side

17:23

by side

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laura since our work to help families

17:27

stay together

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they fought to pass the immigration act

17:30

of 1986 to help more than a million

17:32

immigrants become united states citizens

17:36

belorus and cesar had many victories

17:38

because they knew that together

17:40

all things were possible

17:44

in 1990

17:47

cesar passed away and dolores and the

17:49

farmworkers marched

17:51

to honor him

17:54

dolores still works and marches for

17:56

justice for the poor

17:58

and she is not alone the spirit of

18:01

cesaro chavez is with her by her side

18:09

that is our

18:10

story side by side

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all right so

18:21

now i am pleased to be able to introduce

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again our speakers for this morning

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and

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just told i get to pick who goes first i

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think i will go ahead and put sandy on

18:33

the spot

18:34

so

18:35

sandy

18:36

you're up

18:38

well good morning i am so honored to be

18:41

here today

18:43

uh speaking about unions and social

18:45

justice

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just hearing the beginning of the

18:48

service and the music

18:50

and the story

18:51

i feel like i'm at home and that's a

18:54

wonderful feeling i will begin my story

18:57

of why my union and social justice is

19:00

important to me my family

19:02

my community and the entire world

19:06

i was married for 22 years

19:08

i have three sons

19:10

a stepson

19:12

and a union job as a teacher aide

19:14

working with students with special needs

19:17

my marriage

19:19

eventually fell apart it was a lot of

19:21

factors

19:22

but suddenly i was alone with three

19:24

young boys to feed and comfort

19:27

i was embarrassed

19:29

scared and had very little money

19:32

i was motivated to keep my job as i had

19:35

union negotiated family health benefits

19:38

which was huge

19:40

and i felt i was making a difference in

19:42

the lives of the children that i worked

19:44

with

19:45

fact is i wasn't making enough money

19:48

to feed us or pay for anything extra

19:51

i became interested in the conversation

19:53

one day at lunch regarding

19:56

the union's plans

19:58

to get us higher wages

20:01

my union president

20:03

asked me to be on the negotiation team

20:05

first of all i didn't know what that was

20:07

but my world got brighter

20:10

hope was growing

20:12

and when we were done after a long fight

20:15

we got a raise of 22 percent when we

20:17

settled

20:19

well needless to say i became a huge

20:21

union supporter

20:22

and began learning all i could about

20:24

what the union is

20:26

what it does and what it stands for

20:30

i was asked to attend a conference at

20:32

cornell university labor school

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and then many opportunities for me to

20:37

learn and grow

20:38

came about

20:39

our lives got easier as the years went

20:42

by and the great boys grew up high

20:44

school college and beyond

20:47

life takes a turn

20:48

and it's all roses sometimes at first

20:51

but then it can become dark

20:53

i met a man who was charming and loving

20:57

it wasn't long before i was in over my

20:59

head

21:00

in an abusive relationship i became a

21:03

victim of domestic violence

21:06

i believe that god

21:08

kept me deeply involved in my union

21:10

because it was my only safe place

21:13

and i ended up in a women's shelter

21:15

funded by united way

21:17

and with help with nysit

21:20

i was able to be safe there for three

21:22

whole months

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nice at my union doing what they

21:26

believed in provided me with my basic

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needs and lifted me up to learn how to

21:31

cope with what had happened to me

21:34

they encouraged me to help others and to

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share my talents to make the shelter

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home for others that came broken and

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hopeless

21:42

i look back and i'm proud that i was

21:44

able to help and how me helping someone

21:47

else build confidence in myself and i

21:50

felt good about that

21:52

so many years later i'm retired

21:55

i'm an officer of my local union an

21:57

executive board member of nysit and also

22:01

a president of the saratoga central

22:03

labor council

22:04

and other hats as you heard in my bio

22:07

being involved in these organizations

22:10

has been life-changing and rewarding

22:13

they continue to give me the avenue to

22:15

make a difference in the lives of all

22:18

children and families in my community

22:20

and beyond

22:22

i'd like to read a little quote from the

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social justice page for nice hit

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nicer has a social justice agenda

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that promotes equal access to society's

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opportunities thereby empowering people

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to have choices and control over their

22:39

own destiny

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this agenda stems from the belief that

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injustice and oppression in other

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communities and nations directly impacts

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members of the labor movement

22:52

the premise behind this agenda is that a

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socially just world affords individuals

22:58

and groups

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fair treatment and impartial share of

23:02

society's benefits

23:04

this agenda holds that a fundamental

23:06

responsibility of labor leaders such as

23:09

myself and my sister leslie as she comes

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on later is to stand in solidarity in

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the oppressed and fight to ensure that

23:18

every individual enjoys basic human

23:20

rights a social justice agenda is more

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than a token

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charity

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it is a strategy that transforms

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individuals and communities

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when you find your agenda or i call it

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my dad used to call it your purpose

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you must work and make it all that it

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should be

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together with nicest civil and human

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rights

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women's committee and the lgbtqi

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committee we continue to fight for

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workplace safety

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racial and economic justice and

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healthcare

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my purpose

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as the president of the saratoga labor

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council i must say a few words about how

24:00

important the protecting the right to

24:02

organize act is

24:04

it's also known

24:06

in the news as the pro act

24:09

it's a vestige of jim crow right to work

24:12

it was created to segregate white

24:14

workers from workers of color

24:16

it's long past

24:18

time to get rid of right to work laws

24:21

and we can do that when the u s senate

24:23

passes the pro act

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the pro act will overturn right to work

24:27

policies in every state in the nation

24:30

ensuring that workers can freely join

24:33

together to form a union and negotiate

24:36

with our employers

24:38

this labor day we need to do more than

24:41

simply celebrate america's workforce we

24:44

need to do everything we can to expand

24:46

workers rights

24:48

workers must be able to become a member

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of a union and this act will provide the

24:53

ability without harming those

24:56

that

24:57

attempt to organize

24:59

in closing

25:00

i was blessed that i was able to become

25:02

a union member and i was fortunate to

25:05

get that hand up that transformed me

25:08

from being a victim

25:10

to becoming a strong union activist that

25:13

will always lift

25:15

lead and love my

25:17

neighbors

25:19

thank you for all sharing this time

25:22

and hearing about why unions

25:25

people of faith and social justice are

25:29

linked to form a better community and

25:31

world

25:32

thank you again

25:38

thank you sandy and so now i will bring

25:40

up leslie

25:42

do her part

25:48

thank you so much melissa

25:50

beautiful job sandy

25:53

thank you for including us in your labor

25:55

day weekend service as this is my first

25:57

visit i can't help but notice and

25:59

appreciate the inclusive loving and warm

26:02

welcome

26:03

unity is what unions are all about

26:06

serving your neighbor to uplift the

26:08
community
26:09
being a uni being in a union reminds
26:11
people that you are part of something
26:13
larger
26:14
the journey is one in the same workers
26:16
rights are human rights
26:20
my start with union did not come early
26:22
as my family was not a union family my
26:25
first 15 years of teaching i was a
26:28
dues-paying member of nicet and of the
26:31
hewlett woodmere faculty association
26:35
but that was the extent of it
26:37
those that came before us did a really
26:39
good job paving that path
26:41
things were pretty nice in the public
26:43
education world
26:46
until they weren't
26:48
i understand that some nicet member some
26:51
nascent members are here in the audience
26:53
who can also attest to what things were

26:55

like for us

26:58

when the attacks started

27:00

both nationally and in new york state

27:02

i quickly became involved in local

27:04

grassroots activism

27:07

through the opt-out movement

27:09

as nice became more involved in the

27:11

fight

27:12

against

27:12

education reform i worked with them as

27:15

well as teachers and parents around the

27:16

state to beat back the ed reformers to

27:20

this day we have a state what we have

27:22

statewide teacher pages where we seek

27:24

advice and work together on current

27:26

issues that affect us and our students

27:31

it was during this time that i learned

27:33

that teachers were very much alone

27:37

the elected officials

27:38

who revered some unions went to the mat

27:42

to publicly break ours

27:44

it seemed that they saw us

27:47

separate from the labor movement

27:49

and that needed to change

27:52

i started to build relationships with

27:55

local candidates

27:56

i helped educate them on public

27:59

education issues

28:01

you see we were fighting for public

28:03

education as a whole

28:05

not just for ourselves

28:07

we still are fighting that fight as

28:09

public education is always under attack

28:14

in 2017

28:16

i was sent to a labor meeting in advance

28:19

of the constitutional convention vote

28:22

i was with another nicet sister

28:25

we looked around the room filled with

28:27

hundreds of representatives

28:29

from many other unions

28:31

there were iron workers electricians

28:34

sheet metal

28:35

dozens more

28:37

i turned to my friend and said

28:39

do you get the feeling that they all

28:40

know each other and we don't we decided

28:44

to change that

28:47

we started a group called collectively

28:49

union on social media where union

28:52

members could connect

28:54

we began

28:55

to build alliances when the teamsters

28:57

went on strike at clair rose we showed

29:00

up

29:00

many locals did as those workers were on

29:03

the line for 82 days

29:06

a support network grew from there

29:09

when ufcw was on the line we joined

29:13

when legal workers needed support we

29:15

were there

29:17

when hemp said teachers held their

29:18

rallies we sounded that bell

29:22

sharing pictures on social media spreads

29:24

awareness of

29:26

the issues and also shows our unity

29:30

melissa can you show those pictures that

29:32

i sent to you now

30:46

okay

31:01

thank you

31:02

okay so um i can't stress to you enough

31:05

how important it is that you have a

31:08

network to share

31:09

media um on social issues when people

31:12

start to see that you're willing to

31:14

speak about something and talk about it

31:16

and publicly show your face at a rally

31:19

or an event to support something they

31:21

start to learn about it a little bit

31:22

more bit by bit

31:25

um the next phase for me was that i

31:27

began attending the long island

31:29

federation of labor delegates meeting

31:31

i participated in their leadership

31:33

training program

31:35

we public and private union members are

31:37

learning from each other working

31:39

together to make the union movement

31:41

stronger

31:43

within nicet women we keep women's

31:45

issues on the front burner which is

31:47

always really important

31:49

not just right now

31:52

issues that are most important to women

31:54

are best brought to the forefront by

31:55

women

31:56

our women's committee our women's

31:59

committee has members in every region of

32:01

the state

32:02

we can and do reach out with an idea a

32:04

plan

32:06

a need

32:08

we help women start their own local or

32:10

regional women's committee committees we

32:12

have over 30 local women's committees

32:14

right now

32:15

at the heart of it we know we're never

32:17

alone

32:19

building relationships is the key

32:23

to union work and social justice work

32:26

not just within unions but in your

32:28

communities

32:29

using inquiry to find out how people are

32:32

feeling what's on their minds is a way

32:34

to start conversations and build from

32:36

there

32:38

join the local community board take

32:41

opportunities to help with local

32:42

projects like park cleanups and other

32:45

climate events places where you can meet

32:47

people

32:48

attend social justice

32:50

rallies pop into a local candidate's

32:52

office see how you can

32:54

help relationships in place enables us

32:58

to be accessible when others need us or

33:00

when we need them

33:02

to get out there and support an issue

33:04

for me

33:05

little by little our network grew

33:08

when things get crazy in the atmosphere

33:10

it's so much easier to get through when

33:12

you have a strong bench

33:14

remind people that they are never alone

33:16

and that they are valued

33:18

some people rarely hear that

33:21

lift each other to build confidence and

33:23

friendships

33:25

tell people you're proud of them

33:27

stand together to support social justice

33:29

issues

33:31

there are so many leaders who came

33:33

before us but i will end on this note

33:36

the latest gallup poll says the public

33:38

support for unions is at 65 percent

33:42

those numbers are increasing we're doing

33:45

something right in our messaging

33:47

in the words of dolores huerta every

33:50

moment is an organizing opportunity

33:53

every person a potential activist

33:56

every minute a chance to change the

33:58

world

33:59

thank you

34:06

fantastic thank you again uh leslie and

34:09

sandy for for your fantastic thoughts

34:12

and i want to shout out real quick to uh

34:14

our our nice hit second vice president

34:16

uh jolene dubrango who's a utica native

34:20

um who helped connect and put all of

34:22

this together and by the way whose

34:23

sister now owns the house next to our

34:25

church

34:26

so

34:28

our local connections are all still very

34:31

good

34:32

all right so now we will sing together

34:34

number 157 step by step the longest

34:37

march whose words come from the preamble

34:40

to the constitution of an early coal

34:42

miners union

34:59

step by step the longest march can be

35:04

won can be won

35:06

many stones can form and arch singly

35:10

none

35:11

singly none

35:13

and by union

35:17

[Music]

35:17

[Applause]

35:18

[Music]

35:28

step by step the longest march can be

35:32

won and we won many stalls

35:45

[Music]

35:46

[Applause]

35:54

on

36:01

a meditation

36:03

by amanda buddhis kessler called we

36:05

labor in love

36:08

on labor day we honor our work physical

36:11

and mental

36:12

paid and unpaid joyous and heartbreaking

36:15

we give thanks for works gifts suffer

36:18

its difficulties and strive to make

36:20

labor just and joyous for

36:22

all

36:23

our work can build our society provide

36:26

for our material needs and give our life

36:28

meaning we labor in gratitude

36:31

but also work can damage our society and

36:33

the planet fail to sustain our material

36:36

needs and be meaningless so we join

36:38

together to create work that supports

36:40

the well-being of all

36:43

our work can heal the world help us

36:45

understand who we are and keep us safe

36:48

we labor in joy

36:51

but also work can harm the world demean

36:53

us and expose us to danger

36:55

so we join together to create work that

36:57

is safe and humane

37:00

our work can fill our days with

37:02

accomplishments and our lives with

37:04

stories we labor in love

37:07

but also work can dissatisfy and

37:08

alienate us we may not be able to find

37:11

enough work or any work

37:13

so we join together to create work that

37:15

blesses us

37:16

all people

37:17

and the planet

37:19

this labor day and all labor days to

37:21

come may our work

37:23

and all work serve humanity and all

37:26

living things

37:29

now our offertory words

37:32

by

37:33

kayla parker

37:38

[Music]

37:40

we know that our financial contributions

37:42

to this congregation come from sacrifice

37:45

and hard work

37:46

we are so grateful for this and commit

37:48

together to ensure the funds we gather

37:50

collectively do a greater good for

37:52

ourselves and our world than they could

37:55

have done alone

37:56

may there be an offering to sustain and

37:59

grow the life and mission of this

38:00

congregation

38:02

may we give in love and in

38:09

[Music]

38:17

and hopes

38:19

delay

38:20

nothing can break us no one can make us

38:27

give our rights away

38:31

[Music]

38:41

now

38:42

distinguish our

38:43

chalice flame with the words on the

38:45

screen

38:46

extinguish this flame

38:48

but not the light of truth

38:51

the warmth of community or the fire of

38:53

commitment

38:55

these we carry in our hearts

38:57

until we meet

38:58

again

39:00

and

39:01

although leslie borrowed my benediction

39:03

words i'm going to say them again

39:05

because i think they're real good by

39:07

laura suerta

39:09

every moment is an organizing

39:11

opportunity

39:13

every person a potential activist

39:16

every minute

39:17

a chance to change the world

39:21

and

39:22

for our post loot i got tired of making

39:25

videos so i'm gonna do it live

39:29

so

39:30

well that's exciting

39:31

uh

39:36

first of all i hit something can you

39:37

still hear me

39:41

yep we can hear

39:43

good good

39:45

let me get my pieces in the right spots

39:47

see if i can strum this long enough and

39:50

if you know it and you want to join this

39:52

party uh

39:54

i suppose feel free

39:59

we

40:00

shall not we shall not be moved

40:03

we

40:05

shall not we shall not be moved us like

40:08

a tree standing by the water

40:13

we

40:14

shall not be moved

40:18

on the road to freedom we shall not be

40:23

on the road to freedom we shall not be

40:26

moved just like a tree

40:29

standing by the water

40:32

we

40:33

shall not be moved

40:37

and old together we shall not be moved

40:42

young and old together we shall not be

40:45

moved just like a tree

40:48

standing by the water

40:51

we

40:52

shall not be moved

40:56

all genders together we shall not be

40:59
moved
41:01
all genders together we shall not be
41:04
moved just like a tree
41:06
standing by the water
41:10
we shall not be moved
41:14
black and white together we shall not be
41:18
moved
41:19
black and white together we shall not be
41:23
moved just like a tree
41:25
standing by the water
41:29
we
41:29
shall not be moved
41:34
and straight together we shall not be
41:37
moved
41:38
gay and straight together we shall not
41:41
be moved just like a tree
41:44
standing by the water
41:51
[Music]
41:56
[Music]
42:05
[Music]

42:14
moving on
42:21
[Music]
42:28
on we
42:31
shall not we shall not be moved
42:34
we
42:35
shall not we shall not be moved just
42:38
like a tree
42:40
standing by the water
42:44
we shall not be moved
42:47
just like a tree
42:50
standing by the water
42:54
we
42:55
shall not
42:56
be moved

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