

# Picket Fences Around Gilded Cages

October 18, 2020 11am

The American Dream elicits visions of picket fences and lovely houses. What is it like to live the American Dream as a Mother raising her Black child? The Panel of Mothers will allow us a look into their homes as they describe what America is telling them about what it wants for their Black Children.

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS

Cheryl Dixon Paul, Worship Associate

CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. John Morehouse

COVENANT

Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law.  
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,  
To see the truth in love, and to help one another.

SINGLE CANDLE

Rev. Morehouse

PICKET FENCES, Part 1

Moderator: Pat Francek

Panel of Mothers: Ellie Grosso, Lisa Brown

MUSIC "Blackbird"

Andy Gundell, soloist

Lennon/McCartney

PICKET FENCES, Part 2

Panel of Mothers: Kristin Trost, Shanonda Nelson

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MUSIC "Amani Utupe" (Grant Us Peace, Give Us Courage)

Patsy Ford Simms

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Panelists

CLOSING HYMN #95 "There Is More Love Somewhere"

Panelists

1. There is more hope somewhere, there is more hope somewhere.  
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more hope somewhere.
2. There is more peace somewhere, ...

## *Flowers*

In honor of all Black children  
and those who help these beautiful children flourish.

Given by the TUCWomen for BLM

Panelist:

Ellie Grosso is a white mother of a 12-year-old African daughter, Yeabsera, who was adopted from Ethiopia when she was an infant. Ellie also has two biological white sons, Aidan, 15 and Ryan 10.

Lisa Brown is a woman of African, Jamaican and North American ancestry. She is a devoted mother of Maxim her 9-year-old son.

Kristin Trost is a white mother. Her biological, bi-racial son, Marques, is 15 years old and identifies as Black.

Shanonda Nelson is a Black mother of two children: Siddiq, 22 and Sakinah, 20.

Moderator: Pat Francek

**TUCWomen's Black Lives Matter Planning Meeting** (all women welcome) - Friday, October 23rd, from 7:00-8:30 PM. If you were moved by this service please join TUCWomen to work on Black Lives Matter.