Unnerving Plausibility

On Monday morning, a couple hundred UU ministers from across the country were on their way to Albuquerque for a gathering, when most got word that their flights had been cancelled or delayed. The reason, they were told, was an IT systems glitch.

The first thing I thought — actually, the first thing many of us thought — was that facial recognition software connected them to the mass arrests three days earlier at the Minneapolis- St. Paul International Airport amidst the massive protests. After Renee Good was murdered, protesters were labeled terrorists, and that rhetoric ramped up even more after the murder of Alex Pretti. It seemed possible that the system could be shut down in order to stop a few dozen people that the directors of those murders considered threats to national security.

Yesterday, I found online some mention of IT systems troubles causing delays at airports and border crossings across the state. Today, reports all say the delays were all because of the storm traveling across the country.

So, who knows?

The thing that is so unnerving about all of this, and so much that is going on these days, is that it doesn't sound like fiction. It sounds utterly plausible that the administration would shut down an airport to stop its enemies. Because this is the kind of world we live in now.

Meanwhile, the Northeast Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association is encouraging us all to prepare to support congregations in the state of Maine as the dictator and his henchmen launch "Operation Catch of the Day" to harass and arrest immigrants.

I've been feeling like we aren't going to have to go far away to bear witness to injustice, as the targets get closer to home. It's all unnervingly plausible, and all too real.

In Peace,
Rev Denis