

MT. DIABLO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Wednesday, December 24, 2025 - 8PM
“The Star on the Far Horizon.”
WELCOME!

GATHERING MUSIC	Julie Homi, collaborative pianist
PRELUDE ““Hallelujah Chorus” (adapted) (G.F. Handel arr. Adam and Matt Podd)	MDUUC Chalice Choir Jyvonne Haskin, director Julie Homi, collaborative pianist
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT	Rev. Leslie Takahashi, Lead Minister
LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE	The Persyn-Eslick Family
CAROL “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear” (#244, STLT)	Jyvonne Haskin, vocals Julie Homi, collaborative pianist
READINGS FROM THE CHRISTMAS STORY	Kelly Handler
MUSICAL GIFT “Personent Hodie” (arr. John Rutter, English lyrics by Jane Joseph, adapted)	MDUUC Chalice Choir
RESPONSIVE READING “Magnificat” (#619, translated by W. Frederic Wooden)	Aiden McMahon, Intern Minister
CAROL “Away in a Manger” (traditional)	Jyvonne Haskin, songleader Julie Homi, piano
PRAYER FOR THIS NIGHT	Rev. Rodney Lemery
MUSICAL GIFT “Wonderful Christmas Time” (Paul McCartney)	Steve Hirsch, vocals Jyvonne Haskin, vocals Juli Homi, piano
CALL FOR THE OFFERING	Rev. Leslie Takahashi
OFFERTORY “O Holy Night” (traditional) & “Odetta Beautiful Star” (R. Fisher Boyce / Adger M. Pace)	

Jyvonne Haskin
Julie Homi, piano

Each week during the Offertory we light two pillar candles to acknowledge that we are living in a nation at war. The candles represent our wishes for all whose lives are endangered by the conflict, and our hopes for peace. While the offering is received you are invited to come forward and select a stone to place in the column of water representing our community life, sharing it as a sign of remembrance and hope. Feel free to watch and hold your intention as your stone settles into the water's embrace.

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

SHARED READING “Christmas on the Border, 1929” by Albert Rios	Aiden McMahon Rev. Rodney Lemery
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MUSICAL GIFT “Christmas Is A Feeling” (Natalie Sleeth)	MDUUC Chalice Choir Julie Homi, piano
MESSAGE “On Bringing Wisdom”	Rev. Leslie Takahashi
CAROL “There’s a Star in the East on Christmas Morning” (#255)	Jyvonne Haskin, songleader Julie Homi, piano
A BLESSING OF LIGHT	Rev. Leslie Takahashi Rev. Rodney Lemery
CAROL “Silent Night” (#251)	Jyvonne Haskin, songleader Julie Homi, piano
BENEDICTION	Rev. Leslie Takahashi
POSTLUDE “We Three Kings of Orient” arranged by Julie Homi	Julie Homi, piano

NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE: Sunday, December 28, 2025 - “Keep It All The Year.”

Charles Dickens’ famous tale marks the transformation of its main character by his promise “I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year long.” For those of us not quite ready to let the holidays go, what lessons might we carry with us through the coming year?

Please join us for our virtual coffee hour after the service at: <https://zoom.us/j/99389517494> or dial in (669) 900-9128 then enter Meeting ID: 993 8951 7494 #

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At Mt. Diablo UU Church we strive to bring to life our Unitarian Universalist values as we seek truth and work for justice and bridge the divisions that wound the human family. Please visit our “Living our Values” page to locate virtual and physical ways you can be a part in building a better world. If you have suggestions for items on this page, please email them to livingourvalues@mduuc.org.

Please consider taking 20-30 minutes of your day to review our Living our Values web page to participate in a number of cyberactivist activities that can collectively make a difference in our local and world communities. This week we have a number of Climate Justice and Racial Justice petitions and calls to action that could really use your help!