

MT. DIABLO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Sunday, April 26, 2026
“When Love Looks Like Justice and Justice Looks Like Love”
SUNDAY PROGRAM - WELCOME!

GATHERING MUSIC	Julie Homi, collaborative pianist
GATHERING SONG “Oh, I Woke Up This Morning”	Jyvonne Haskin, songleader Sheli Cryderman, songleader Sally Edgerton, songleader Sierra Lynn White, songleader Julie Homi, piano Bill Wentz, bass
RINGING THE BELL	Rev. Leslie Takahashi
PRELUDE “Everyday People” (Sylvester Stewart)	Julie Homi, piano
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT	Rev. Leslie Takahashi, Lead Minister Linda Russell, Board Member
LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE	
TIME FOR ALL AGES "Maya & The Plastic Tide" (Marena McGregor)	Marena McGregor, DRE
SUNG BLESSING "As You Go" (Words: Suzelle Lynch, Music: Ruben Piirainen)	
	<i>As you go may joy surround you, as you go, go in peace. Know our love is with you always, as you go, as you go</i>
	Jyvonne Haskin, songleader Sheli Cryderman, songleader Sally Edgerton, songleader Sierra Lynn White, songleader, djembe Julie Homi, piano Bill Wentz, bass
WHY I COMMIT TO MDUUC	Linda Russell, Board Member
SUMMONING THE SPIRIT OF LOVE	Rev. Leslie Takahashi, Lead Minister
CONGREGATIONAL SONG “Creation of Peace” (Mark Miller)	Jyvonne Haskin, songleader
JOYS & SORROWS	Rev. Leslie Takahashi, Lead Minister
MEDITATION SONG “Danos un corazon” (#29 Las Voces del Camino)	Jyvonne Haskin, songleader Sheli Cryderman, songleader Sally Edgerton, songleader Julie Homi, piano
PRAYER	Aiden McMahan, Intern Minister
MUSICAL GIFT “Draw The Circle Wide” (Mark Miller)	Sierra Lynn White & Jyvonne Haskin, songleaders Julie Homi, piano Bill Wentz, bass

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Mary Kelly Persyn, Board Member

OFFERTORY

Julie Homi, collaborative pianist

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

MESSAGE "When Love Looks Like Justice and Justice Looks Like Love."

Ron Ahnen, Candidate for Ministry

CLOSING SONG "Love Will Guide Us"

Jyvonne Haskin, songleader
Sheli Cryderman, songleader
Sally Edgerton, songleader
Sierra Lynn White, songleader
Julie Homi, piano
Bill Wentz, bass

BENEDICTION

Ron Ahnen, Candidate for Ministry

MUSIC TO TRAVEL BY "You've Got a Friend in Me" (Randy Newman)

Julie Homi, piano

NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE: Sunday, May 3, 2026 - "When Words Are Not Enough."

Sometimes we can touch larger truths with greater dexterity through movement and rituals than we can through ideas and concept. Theologian Rita Nakashima Brock says this is because there is a limit to personal sincerity and sometimes in the world, we have to tap into larger truths when our most anchoring beliefs are shaken. Come and join Rev. Leslie Takahashi and Sierralynne White and Bill Wentz for a service focused on the ways ritual helps us embody greater truths.

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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<https://mduuc.org/living-our-values/>

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!