

MT. DIABLO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 19, 2023

“Transformers – More Than Meets the Eye”

SUNDAY PROGRAM - WELCOME!

GATHERING SONG #1003, “Where Do We Come From?”

*These words attributed to artist Paul Gauguin were set to music by Canadian gospel musician Brian Tate.*

PRELUDE "Shallow" (Gaga, Wyatt, Rossomando, and Rice)

Juli Homi, piano

WELCOME

Michael Macias

Steve Dietsch, Board Member

SHARE THE PLATE

Trinity Center, Jane Russell

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INVOCATION Come, come, whoever you are, / wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving,

Ours is no caravan of despair. / Come, yet again come.

*Ven, ven, cual eres, ven, / nómada en búsqueda, si amas la vida.*

*La nuestra es la caravana de amor. / Ven, otra vez, ven. - Lynn Ungar*

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

Andrea Quigley

*Each week we light a chalice, which has become a symbol for Unitarian Universalists and our engagement in the world.*

TIME FOR ALL AGES

“Robin’s Journey Towards Acceptance”

Marena McGregor

SINGING THE CHILDREN TO CLASS

*As you leave this friendly place, love give life to ev’ry face,  
may the kindness that you learn light your hearts ‘till you return.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sharon Sobotta, Worship Associate

CONGREGATIONAL SONG #298, “Wake Now My Senses”

(Words: Thomas J. S. Mikelson; Music: Traditional Irish melody, harmony by Carlton R. Young)

*The Rev. Thomas Mikelson wrote these words and set them to a traditional Irish melody for the ordination of a Unitarian Universalist colleague in ministry.*

JOYS AND SORROWS

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

MUSIC MEDITATION #1031, “Filled With Loving Kindness”

*Annabel Morris Buchanan set these words of 19<sup>th</sup>-century Anglican Bishop Richard Chenevix Trench to an American folk tune.*

TIME OF PRAYER

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

MUSICAL OFFERING “Crowded Table” (The Highwaywomen)

House Band

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Jana Contreras

OFFERTORY “Remember Me” (K.A. and R. Lopez)

Juli 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

*“To the work of this community, in transforming ourselves and our world, we dedicate ourselves and our offerings.”*

MESSAGE “Transformers: More Than Meets the Eye”

Michael Macias

CLOSING SONG #128, “For All That Is Our Life”

*When he was a member of the Hymnal Commission responsible for Singing the Living Tradition, Rev. Mark Belletini shared these words from British Unitarian Bruce Findlow with a California rock musician named Patrick Rickey. Within twenty-four hours this hymn was born.*

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Michael Macias

POSTLUDE “What the World Needs Now, is Love, Sweet Love” (B. Bacharach & H. David)

Juli Homi, piano

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**Commitment Sunday.** Bridging to the Future! Come join us as we continue the conversation about the next areas of strategic direction for MDUUC, as we enjoy brunch together amid the spring beauty of our campus and as we celebrate all that we value about our congregation.

**Please join us for our virtual coffee hour at after the service at:** <https://zoom.us/j/811493869> or dial in 669 900 9128 then enter Meeting ID: 811 493 869 #

**Thanks to our AV Tech staff: Hector Tanabe and Troy Yochelson**

If you can, please consider using on-line donations or text to give: <https://www.mduuc.org/give/>

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## House Band

Brynne Fay, vocal

SierraLynn White, vocal

Juli Homi, piano

Bill Wentz, bass

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# Song Lyrics

## # 1003 Where Do We Come From?

Where do we come from?  
What are we?  
Where are we going?

Where do we come from?

Mystery. Mystery.  
Life is a riddle and a mystery.

Where do we come from?  
Where are we going?

## #295 Sing Out Praises for the Journey

Sing out praises for the journey,  
pilgrims, we, who carry on,  
searchers in the soul's deep yearnings,  
like our forebears in their time.  
We seek out the spirit's wholeness  
in the endless human quest.

Look inside, your soul's the kindling  
of the hearth fire pilgrims knew.  
Find the spirit, always restless,  
find it in each mind and heart.  
Touch and hold that ancient yearning,  
kindling for a newfound truth.

Stand we now upon the threshold,  
facing futures yet unknown.  
Hearth behind us, wayside hostel  
built by those who knew wild roads.  
Guard we e'er their sacred embers  
carried in our minds and hearts.

## #1031, "Filled With Loving Kindness"

May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.  
May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.  
May I be peaceful and at ease. May I be whole.

May you be filled with loving kindness. May you be well.  
May you be filled with loving kindness. May you be well.  
May you be peaceful and at ease. May you be whole.

May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be well.  
May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be well.  
May we be peaceful and at ease. May we be whole.

## #128 For All That Is Our Life

For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise;  
for all life is a gift which we are called to use to build  
the common good and make our own days glad.

For needs which others serve, for services we give, for  
work and its rewards, for hours of rest and love; we  
come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

For sorrow we must bear, for failures, pain, and loss,  
for each new thing we learn, for fearful hours that  
pass: we come with praise and thanks for all that is  
our life.

For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise;  
for all life is a gift which we are called to use to build  
the common good and make our own days glad.

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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!

[LIVE YOUR VALUES HERE](#)