

MT. DIABLO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Sunday, May 15, 2022

“Connection, Community and Care”

SUNDAY PROGRAM - WELCOME!

GATHERING MUSIC	Brett Carson, piano
PRELUDE "Johnsburg, Illinois" (Tom Waits)	Brett Carson, piano
WELCOME	Rev. Rodney Lemery Chris Carter, Board Member
GREETING ONE ANOTHER	
LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE	Mary Helen Binger
<i>Each week we light a chalice, which has become a symbol for Unitarian Universalists and our engagement in the world.</i>	
TIME FOR ALL AGES "Coat of Many Colors" Marena McGregor, Michael Macias, and Rev. Rodney Lemery	
A SONG BLESSING FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH	
<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>	
REFLECTION "Choose to Bless the World" (Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker)	Stacy Cranston, Jean Evans, Nancy White
HYMN #1029, "Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear" (Daniel Charles Damon)	
<i>Rev. Daniel Charles Damon is pastor of First United Methodist Church in Richmond, CA and serves as adjunct faculty in church music at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley.</i>	
JOYS AND SORROWS	Michael Macias, Intern Minister
MUSIC MEDITATION #1047, "Nada te turbe" (Words: Santa Teresa de Jesus; Music: Jacques Berthier)	
<i>This text is by Teresa of Avila, a 16th Century Spanish reformer of the Carmelite order of nuns who experienced great hardship and grief throughout her life.</i>	
RITUAL OF COMMUNITY CARE	Rev. Leslie Takahashi
<i>Please take a moment to complete a caring card with a message of Hope to the people of Trinity Center. These notes will be added to hygiene kits completed by the I4C ICARE program</i>	
CALL FOR THE OFFERING	Neysa Matt, Board Member
OFFERTORY "Soul Eyes" (Mal Waldron)	Brett Carson, piano
<i>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.</i>	
DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING	Neysa Matt, Board Member
<i>"To the work of this community, in transforming ourselves and our world, we dedicate ourselves and our offerings."</i>	
MUSICAL OFFERING "Another Day in Paradise" (Phil Collins)	House Band!
REFLECTION "Connection, Community and Care"	Rana Miller-Owens, Leslie Reiwitch, Karl Livengood, Mary Helen Binger, Peter Morse, Nancy White, Jean Evans, and Rev. Rodney Lemery
<i>This is a video montage of personal experiences of being touched by the opportunities in Economic, Food and Housing Justice at MDUUC that underscored the importance of connection, community and care.</i>	
CLOSING SONG #1017, "Building A New Way" (Martha Sandefer, arr. Jim Scott)	
<i>This song was written by U.U. composer Martha Sanderfer for inclusion in "Singing the Journey."</i>	
EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE	"Interfaith Benediction" Stacy Cranston
POSTLUDE "C Jam Blues" (Duke Ellington)	House Band

NEXT SUNDAY: Love As Community, Love As Presence. As we once again begin to prepare to reemerge from another cycle of these pandemic times, what have we learned about how we can show up for each other and for ourselves? Rev. Leslie Takahashi will lead this service featuring the wisdom of our congregational family. How are we resolved to stay connected, despite the challenges that we face? Send your thoughts to leslie@mduuc.org and put "Connect" in the subject line.

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, Liam Takahashi, Hector Tanabe & Troy Yochelson

Please remember that we are trying to keep staff safe by using virtual giving. If you can, please consider using on-line donations or text to give:

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House Band

Laura Zucker, guitar & vocal
Brynne Fay, vocal
Mark Tuning, keyboard & vocal
Daniel Zwickel ben Avram, violin

Brett Carson, piano
Bill Wentz, bass
Bill Younger, drum

Song Lyrics

#1029 Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear

Love knocks and waits for us to hear,
to open and invite;
Love longs to quiet every fear,
and seeks to set things right.

Love offers life, in spite of foes
who threaten and condemn;
embracing enemies,
Love goes the second mile with them.

Love comes to heal the broken heart,
to ease the troubled mind;
without a word Love bids us start
to ask and seek and find.

Love knocks and enters at the sound
of welcome from within;
Love sings and dances all around,
and feels new life begin.

#1047 Nada Te Turbe

*Nada te turbe, nada te espante,
quien a Dios tiene nada le falta.
Nada te turbe, nada te espante,
Sólo Dios basta.*

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those that seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.

#1017 Building a New Way

We are building a new way.
We are building a new way.
We are building a new way,
feeling stronger ev'ry day,
We are building a new way.

We are working to be free.
We are working to be free.
We are working to be free,
hate and greed and jealousy.
We are working to be free.

We can feed our every need.
We can feed our ev'ry need.
We can feed our ev'ry need,
Start with love, that is the seed.

Peace and freedom is our cry.
Peace and freedom is our cry.
Peace and freedom is our cry,
Without these this world will die.

We are building a new way.
We are building a new way.
We are building a new way,
feeling stronger ev'ry day,
We are building a new way.

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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!

[LIVE YOUR VALUES HERE](#)