

MT. DIABLO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Sunday, April 21, 2024

“What’s in the Background”

SUNDAY PROGRAM - WELCOME!

GATHERING SONG #1008 “When Our Heart Is in A Holy Place” (Joyce Poley)

Laura Zucker, Neysa Matt, Song Leaders

Substandard Quartet (Brett Carson, Cory Wright, Safa Shokrai, Jason Levis)

This hymn was composed by Joyce Poley, a longtime leader among Unitarian Universalist musicians

PRELUDE "Explorer" (Francis Lai)

Substandard Quartet

WELCOME

Rev. Leslie Takahashi, Lead Minister
Andrew Oswald, Board of Trustees

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

MINDFUL MOMENT

Travis MacPhee, Student Minister

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

Kate Lenhardt

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

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Rodney Lemery

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONGREGATIONAL SONG #1007, “There’s a River Flowin’ in My Soul” (Rose Sanders)

Gospel musician and Cincinnati U.U. choir director Kenny Smith arranged this hymn by Rose Sanders, a contemporary advocate for abused children and the first African American female judge in Alabama.

JOYS AND SORROWS

Travis MacPhee, Student Minister

MEDITATION SONG #396 “I Know This Rose Will Open” (Mary Grigola)

PRAYER

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

MUSICAL OFFERING "La Danse Des Méduses" (Dominique Guiot)

Substandard Quartet

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Mark David Watanabe, Board President

OFFERTORY "The Difference" (Alan Parker/Alan Hawkshaw)

Substandard Quartet

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

Mark David Watanabe, Board President

MESSAGE “What’s in the Background”

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

CLOSING SONG #411, “Part in Peace” (Sarah Adams)

Laura Zucker, Neysa Matt, Song Leaders

19th-century British Unitarian Sarah Flower Adams wrote these words; the tune is from the Southern Harmony, a South Carolina Euro-American shape-note singing book.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Earth Message" (Bernard Fèvre)

Substandard Quartet

NEXT SUNDAY: **Looking Back to Look Forward** - How can understanding where we have been help us know where we want to go? Join Rev. Leslie Takahashi for this important service which will feature the wisdom of our past ministers Revs. Aron Gilmartin and David Sammons.

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 #

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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](#)