

MT. DIABLO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Sunday, February 11, 2024

“Accessible Faith”

SUNDAY PROGRAM - WELCOME!

GATHERING SONG #194, “Faith Is a Forest” (Words: Shelly Jackson Denham; Music: Chinese folk tune)
Chalice Choir , directed by Ondine Young;
Brett Carson, piano
Liam Young Skeen/Aiden Lewis, viola/bells
Songleaders Scott Schrader, Kevin Shen

This hymn’s tune is a Chinese folk melody that depicts the beauty of the jasmine flower, adapted by I-to Lob. The text was written by Shelly Jackson Denham, a UU director of extension and worship at The Mountain, NC

PRELUDE Improvisation Brett Carson, piano

WELCOME Rev. Leslie Takahashi, Lead Minister
Steve Dietsch, Board Representative

GREETING ONE ANOTHER Travis MacPhee, Student Minister

MINDFUL MOMENT Travis MacPhee, Student Minister

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE David Longfellow

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

TIME FOR ALL AGES “Little Seed, Big Faith” by Marena McGregor Marena McGregor, DRE

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

*Go in love our hearts go with you.
Go in joy, our hopes go too.
Learn in love and grow in wisdom.
Shine your light in all you do.*

CALL TO WORSHIP Casey Gardener, Worship Associate

CONGREGATIONAL SONG Almond Trees, Renewed in Bloom #59 by Vietnamese composer Nguyễn Đức Toàn, English words by Fred Kaan and Schalom Ben-Chorin

Chalice Choir

Fred Kaan is a hymnwriter who sought to address issues of peace and justice. Kaan lived through the Nazi occupation, saw three of his grandparents die of starvation, and witnessed his parents deep involvement in the resistance movement.

JOYS AND SORROWS Rev. Leslie Takahashi

MEDITATION SONG "Namo Buddhaya" (“Hommage to Buddha” from Basket of Plums) Chalice Choir

MEDITATION PRAYER Rev. Leslie Takahashi

MUSICAL OFFERING ”Mo li Hua” (*Jasmine flower round; traditional Chinese/Mandarin folk song*) Chalice Choir

CALL FOR THE OFFERING Sharon Solstice, Board Member

OFFERTORY Traditional Buddhist melody improvisations Liam Young Skeen, viola
Kevin Shen, voice
Ondine Young/Aiden Lewis, Handbells

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

Sharon Solstice, Board Member

MESSAGE "Accessible Faith"

Travis MacPhee

CLOSING SONG #1031, "May I be Filled with Loving Kindness" (Text by Mark Hayes and music by Ian Riddell)

Chalice Choir

UU composer Tom Benjamin wrote this simple Alleluia setting based on the famous "Canon" of Johann Pachelbel.

BENEDICTION

Travis MacPhee

POSTLUDE "He Ri Jun Zai Lai (When will You Come Again) by Theresa Teng

Kevin Shen, voice
Liam Young Skeen, piano

NEXT SUNDAY: Climbing Down Off The Ladder of Inference. How many times do we perpetuate misunderstanding and widen differences because we presume we understand the context in which something is said. Join Rev. Leslie Takahashi with special music by Johanna McShane.

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 Emma Brody, Aiden Lewis, Romey Said

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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](#)