

“MT. DIABLO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 10, 2021

“Engaged Spirituality”

SUNDAY PROGRAM - WELCOME!

GATHERING MUSIC Brett Carson, piano

GATHERING SONG #1030, “Siyahamba”

Born in the South African Freedom Movement during the Apartheid era, this Zulu and English song invites us to act in solidarity with all who are oppressed. Its “we” identifies the struggle as our own.

PRELUDE 五木の子守唄 (Itsuki lullaby) (Japanese folk song)

Brett Carson, piano

WELCOME

Rev. Leslie Takahashi
Sharon Solstice, Board Representative

INVOCATION

*Since what we choose is what we are, and what we love we yet shall be,
the goal may ever shine afar, the will to win it makes us free.*

William De Witt Hyde (1858-1917)
Music: Thomas Tallis, c. 1560

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

Jo Gelinis

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

TIME FOR ALL AGES “Zen Shorts”, by Jon Muth

Indigo Lewis

SINGING THE CHILDREN TO THEIR CLASSES

Marena McGregor

*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.*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP IN THIS WEEK

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

HYMN #116, “I’m On My Way”

This African American folk hymn is believed to have been a coded invitation to join others in an opportunity to escape slavery. The tune (ETHELRED) is named in our hymnal for Egbert Ethelred Brown (1875-1956), the first African American to be ordained a Unitarian minister (in 1912).

JOYS AND SORROWS

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

MEDITATION HYMN #34 (*Las voces del camino*), “Libertad”

“Liberty is more than waking up unchained. It is living in harmony with our neighbors, deciding together, working together for the freedom of all.” The hymn is from a Methodist youth camp in the town of Ingeniero Maschwitz, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Miranda Lennox

MUSICAL OFFERING “Let Your Light Shine” (Keb’ Mo’ & Jenny Yates, arr. Jeremy Fox)

Boston Children’s Chorus with Keb’ Mo’, SMV Vocal Jazz Camp (Iowa), Chapin School (New Jersey),
Childrens’ Chorus of Washington DC, Estonian National Opera Boys’ Choir, *Piccoli Cantanti* (Moscow),
Voce Armoniche (Cape Town), Southend Choirs (UK), St. Paul’s School (Princeton)

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Neysa Matt Board Member

OFFERTORY “Für Alina” (Arvo Pärt)

Brett Carson, 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

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

CLOSING HYMN #1017, “Building A New Way” (Martha Sandefer, arr. Jim Scott)

This song was written by U.U. composer Martha Sanderfer for inclusion in “Singing the Journey.”

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Miranda Lennox

POSTLUDE “Straight No Chaser” (Thelonious Monk)

Brett Carson, piano

NEXT SUNDAY: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: A Service To Honor the Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Once a year we gather in honor of these great teacher who held a broad agenda for the way he wished to see Beloved Community enacted. Please join the MDUUC ministry team for this important service. Send in a photo of yourself doing something in the spirit of justice and love.

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, Colin Ketcham (who ran the presentation, video and audio clips), Liam Takahashi (video creation and editing) Troy Yochelson (Sanctuary cameras) and Mark Tuning (music recording, presentation creation, video and audio editing)

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:

To Give or Pledge go to: <https://www.mduuc.org/give/>

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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](#)

WINTER NIGHTS

We also continue to need volunteers and contributions in our support of the winter night shelter program this year. if you can contribute time, talent, or treasure to this program please do so in any of the ways below:

1. We are accepting dinner sponsorships, specific food and non-perishable item donations at this web page:
<https://mduuc.org/winternights-co-host-needs/>
2. We are accepting direct financial contributions to our Winter Nights fund at:
<https://mduuc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/winter-nightsgift-tree>
3. We are in need of specific delivery people as well If you wish to sign-up as a delivery person please contact Rev. Rodney directly at rodney@mduuc.org
4. For those who take solace in art, we have coloring sheets with words of inspiration printed and are asking people to drop by (**if and only if** you are already out around the church) and pick-up a few sheets/envelope packets in the Justice Packet drawer, color them and return them (in associated envelopes) to the Winter Nights donation box also outside the MDUUC Church office.
 - a. These will be delivered to the families as messages of welcome and warmth since we can't physically be with them this year!

JUSTICE EVENTS

Social Justice Night

Tuesday, January 12th 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Racial Justice Team Meeting

Thursday January 14th 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

MLK Day Service Online Followed by a Virtual Public Witness

Monday Jan 18, 2021 12:00 PM

"As Light Breaks Forth, Live as Children of the Light."

With music from the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, St. Benedict's Gospel Choir in Oakland and Choirs from Black Churches around the County; including Easter Hill United Methodist Church and Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church! Conversation following!

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrfu6hrDgrH91mmTVWJUusy8fGwhuXcelwu>

After registering for the event, you will receive a confirmation with all of the meeting details including the Zoom information needed for the 1 hour virtual public witness happening from 1:30 to 3:00pm!

The first 30 minutes, from 1:30 to 2:00 PM, will be a short training session to teach people how to use the Interactive Google slides. This will be followed by a 1 hour virtual public witness.

UUJM-CA

Get connected with UUs and UU-aligned justice makers in California who are working to manifest justice! UUJMCA is excited to introduce a new set of California JUJustice Collectives working/interested in the following issue areas:

- Climate Justice
- Economic Justice
- Immigrant Justice
- Racial Justice & Abolition

[Join a Call](#)