

**MT. DIABLO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH**  
**Sunday, July 21, 2024**  
**“Building Hope Without Borders”**  
**SUNDAY PROGRAM - WELCOME!**

GATHERING SONG #389 Gathered Here Scott Schrader, vocals  
Kevin Shen, piano  
PRELUDE “Prelude Eb suite 4 Bach” or “Improvisation” Liam Young-Skeen, baroque viola  
Kevin Shen, piano

WELCOME Rev. Rodney Lemery, Associate Minister  
Andrew Oswald, Board Representative

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE TBD

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

TIME FOR ALL AGES Marena McGregor

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

*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 Mark Chase

CONGREGATIONAL SONG #325 Love Makes a Bridge Scott Schrader, vocals  
Kevin Shen, piano  
*Brian A. Wren (1936 - ) is an internationally published hymn-poet and writer. Wren's hymns appear in hymnals of all Christian traditions and have been influential in raising the awareness of theology in hymns.*

JOYS AND SORROWS Rev. Rodney Lemery

MEDITATION SONG #1023 Building Bridges Scott Schrader, vocals  
Kevin Shen, piano

*These words were set to a Quaker tune by women who occupied England's Greenham Common peacefully protesting nuclear weapons 1983. Singing together helped them find solidarity and a sense of common purpose.*

PRAYER/MEDITATION Rev. Rodney Lemery

CALL FOR THE OFFERING Linda Russell, Board Representative

OFFERTORY “Improvisations” Kevin Shen, 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

Linda Russell, Board Member

MUSICAL OFFERING “Summertime” by G. Gershwin Scott Schrader, Mora Mattingly, Shannon,  
Sasha Metcalf vocals and Kevin Shen, piano

REFLECTION #1

Andrew Oswald

REFLECTION #2

Peggy Kroll

REFLECTION #3

Sally Edgerton

CLOSING SONG #1017 Building a New Way

Scott Schrader, vocals

Kevin Shen, piano

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

BENEDICTION

Mark Chase

POSTLUDE “Moments Musicaux 3 F Minor” by F. Schubert or “Improvisation”

Liam Young-Skeen, piano

Kevin Shen, piano

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NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024: **“EMBRACING OUR COMPLEX HUMANITY:**

**REIMAGINING HEROES AND VILLAINS”:** Please join our worship team as we explore the multifaceted nature of our human experience. We will use music and story to acknowledge that each of us plays many roles in the stories of those around us; sometimes we are the hero and at other times the villain. We will reflect on how embracing this complexity can deepen our empathy and compassion.

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

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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](mailto: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](#)