

MT. DIABLO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 31, 2024

“We Rise Again!”

SUNDAY PROGRAM - WELCOME!

GATHERING SONG #270, “O Day of Light and Gladness” (Frederick Lucian Hosmer/Robert Williams)

MDUUC Chalice Choir

YPSOmusic.org orchestra with Ondine Young, director

Shannon Hoffman, Talia Young Skeen song leaders/soloists

Brett Carson, Liam Young Skeen, keyboards (harpsichord, organ, piano)

Written by Frederick Lucian Hosmer, a 19th century Unitarian minister, and set to a traditional Easter hymn tune, “Llanfair”, written by Robert Williams, a blind basketmaker who lived on an island north of Wales.

PRELUDE “Hallelujah” by Leonard Cohen

MDUUC Bells

MDUUC Chalice Choir

YPSOmusic.org orchestra with Ondine Young, Director

Brett Carson, Liam Young Skeen, Amalia Contreras keyboards (harpsichord, organ, piano)

WELCOME

Rev. Leslie Takahashi, Lead Minister

Jana Contreras, Board of Trustees

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

INVOCATION Til Varen (to the spring) by E. Grieg

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

Amalia Contreras, piano

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

Jean Wilcox

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

CONGREGATIONAL SONG #1068, “Rising Green” (Carolyn McDade)

MDUUC Chalice Choir and

Members of YPSOmusic.org Orchestra

This hymn by Carolyn McDade invites us to awareness of our unity with the natural world

A RABBIT AND AN EGG

Marena McGregor, DRE

Rev. Leslie Takahashi and Friends

CONGREGATIONAL SONG "And When I Rise" Words by Wendell Berry; music by Wendy Tuck

MDUUC Choir

The words are adapted from a poem by Wendell Berry; music by Wendy Tuck. Adapted by Joseph Emet with additional words by Monica Max West for the Plum Village community of Thich Nat Han

AN EASTER BUNNY AND A COMMUNITY OF LOVE Eggiquette

Marena McGregor, DRE

Rev. Leslie Takahashi and Friends

LET'S DO THE BUNNY HOP

Brett Carson, Piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Leslie Takahashi and Travis MacPhee, Student Minister

MEDITATION MUSIC “How Beautiful” by G.F.Handel

YPSOmusic.org Orchestra

with Ondine Young, Director

Shannon Hoffman, Talia Young Skeen songleader/soloists

Brett Carson, Liam Young Skeen, keyboards (harpsichord, organ)

PRAYER

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

MUSICAL OFFERING "Hallelujah" by G.F. Handel

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CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Mark Chase, Board Treasurer

OFFERTORY Improvisation

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

Mark Chase, Board Treasurer

MESSAGE "We Rise Again"

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

CLOSING SONG #1036, "Calypso Alleluia" (Thomas Benjamin)

MDUUC Chalice Choir and
Members of YPSOmusic.org Orchestra

"Alleluia" is a word that combines rejoicing, praise, and gratitude. This song uses the Calypso rhythms of Caribbean people who have known suffering and oppression, and yet who have shared a great gift for celebration with the world

BENEDICTION

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

POSTLUDE "I know" by G.F.Handel

Members of YPSOmusic.org Orchestra with Ondine Young, Director
Shannon Hoffman, Talia Young Skeen songleader/soloists
Brett Carson, Liam Young Skeen, keyboards (harpsichord, organ)

NEXT SUNDAY: Only Justice Can Stop a Curse. Please join the worship team as we look at how we live out our UU values through the lens of justice. We are joined by the Rev. Alexandria Spearman, Contra Costa County juvenile justice chaplain as she helps us frame our justice efforts in Love and relationship. We will have music from Aiden Lewis, Liam Young-Skeen, and Kevin Shen.

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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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](#)