

MT. DIABLO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Sunday, November 22, 2020

“The Truth About Generosity”

SUNDAY PROGRAM - WELCOME!

GATHERING SONG #1010, “We Give Thanks” (Wendy Luella Perkins)

This hymn was composed by Rev. Wendy Luella Perkins, a UU Minister and folk singer from Kingston, Ontario, as a blessing during a retreat.

PRELUDE "Danse de travers No. 2" from *Pièces froides* (Erik Satie)

Brett Carson, piano

WELCOME

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

Doug Tamo, Board Representative

SHARE THE PLATE

Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity, Suzanne Llewellyn

AFFIRMATION OF COMMUNITY

INVOCATION

*We are here, here together, in this holy moment
and we're grateful for the winding road that brought us to this place.*

(David Glasgow)

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

Evan Junker

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Les Polgar, Worship Associate

HYMN #163, “For the Earth Forever Turning” (Kim Oler, arr. Nick Page & Jim Scott)

This hymn was written for Paul Winter's “Missa Gaia.” Winter suggested a passage from Robert A. Heinlein's novel “The Green Hills of Earth” to inspire composer Kim Oler.

TIME FOR ALL AGES Guest At Your Table

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.*

JOYS AND SORROWS

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

MEDITATION HYMN #145, “As Tranquil Streams that Meet and Merge”

(Words: Marion Franklin Ham; Music *Musicalisches Hand-buch*, 1690, adapt.)

This 1933 hymn by Marion Franklin Ham celebrates the growing closeness between Unitarians and Universalists, which led toward the 1961 consolidation of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

MUSICAL OFFERING “Bridge Over Troubled Water” (Paul Simon)

Jasmine Bonshahi with the MDUUC House Band!

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Sharon Solstice, Board Member

OFFERTORY "Air du grand prieur" from *Trois sonneries de la Rose+Croix* (Erik Satie)

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.”

SERMON “The Only Gift That Really Keeps On Giving”

Miranda Lennox

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 “Confirmation” (Charlie Parker)

Brett Carson, piano

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 (audio mixing and slide presentation), Annam Gunny (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:

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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. This is a place to learn a little about what is happening in our world and find quick ways you can take action. If you have suggestions, email to livingourvalues@mduuc.org.

LOCAL ACTIONS

Contra Costa Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice will be holding a an Info Session on Wednesday, December 16th from 4-6pm. Please consider holding this date and time and look for the registration email coming out the week of November 30th. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to engage in the important work of community building and governance. More information can be provided by contacting two of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors who are part of the initial planning committee:

- Supervisor John Gioia
John.Gioia@bos.cccounty.us
- Supervisor Federal Glover
Federal.Glover@bos.cccounty.us

ELECTION ACTIONS

Election Defenders is asking for volunteers to commit to sending post-cards to Georgia encouraging people to get out and vote for the Senate run-off in that State. While we cannot endorse candidates as a non-profit, we can send words of encouragement and promote the lawful exercise of all our right to vote! Considering signing up to help!
[Sign-up to Send Here](#)

INCARCERATION ACTIONS

Initiate Justice is growing significantly with some 30,600+ Inside Members, and counting, as they work towards a goal of 40,00 Inside Members. They need our help in entering their new members into the database so that they receive the quarterly Initiate Justice Newsletter! If you have a computer or tablet and can help with data entry, please consider helping out!
[Register to Help Here](#)

Because of the pandemic, we can't volunteer in groups. In addition, many prison facilities no longer allow physical cards of any type -- UGH! So, we are being called into action by our Association's large online congregation; the Church of the Larger Fellowship. The prison ministry team there has a new system this year to work around the horrible restrictions. We are being asked to individually sign up to write messages of hope. Everyone can decide how many they want to do, 2, 4, 100, whatever fits your schedule. PLEASE consider signing up to print and send holiday designs (to be printed on 8 1/2 x 11" white paper, in black & white) with a few sentences of hope & support. Just stuff them into an envelope (a regular, white business envelope), and mail.

Do you and your family have time to help? If so, sign up her:
[Worthy Now Holiday Note Program](#)

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

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