

MT. DIABLO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Sunday, October 4, 2020

“Enter, Rejoice (Or Not) and Come In!”

SUNDAY PROGRAM - WELCOME!

GATHERING SONG #361, “Enter, Rejoice and Come In”	UU Ukles
<i>This popular folk song was composed by Louise Ruspini for a collection called “Journey to Freedom.”</i>	
PRELUDE “The Little Shepherd” from <i>Children's Corner</i> , L. 113 (Claude Debussy)	Brett Carson, piano
WELCOME	Rev. Leslie Takahashi Linda Russell, Board Representative
AFFIRMATION OF COMMUNITY	Rev. Leslie Takahashi
INVOCATION “Here Together (David Glasgow)	
<i>We are here, here together, in this holy moment and we're grateful for the winding road that brought us to this place.</i>	
LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE	
<i>Each week we light a chalice, which has become a symbol for Unitarian Universalists and our engagement in the world.</i>	
CALL TO WORSHIP	Mark Watanabe, Worship Associate
HYMN #131, “Love Will Guide Us”	
<i>Sally Rogers is a public elementary school music teacher, touring folk musician and songwriter whose works promote justice, unity, and peace.</i>	
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS	
TIME FOR ALL AGES “All Are Welcome” (Alexandra Penfold & Suzanne Kaufman)	Marena McGregor
SINGING THE CHILDREN TO THEIR CLASSES	Marena McGregor
<i>As you leave this friendly place, love give light to every face may the kindness that you learn light your heart 'til you return.</i>	
JOYS AND SORROWS	Rev. Leslie Takahashi
MEDITATION HYMN #396, “I Know This Rose Will Open” (Mary Grigolia)	
<i>The words and tune of this hymn were written by Mary E. Grigolia, a Unitarian Universalist minister.</i>	
TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER	Rev. Leslie Takahashi
MUSICAL OFFERING “Brothers” (Anselm)	Claire Solstice, piano
CALL FOR THE OFFERING	Doug Tamo, Board Member
OFFERTORY “Reflections” (Thelonious Monk)	Brett Carson, piano
<i>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.</i>	
DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING	
<i>“To the work of this community, in transforming ourselves and our world, we dedicate ourselves and our offerings.”</i>	
REFLECTION	Rev. Rodney Lemery
MUSICAL INTERLUDE	
SERMON “Hospitality As A Spiritual Practice”	Rev. Leslie Takahashi
CLOSING HYMN “Together We Are More” (Words: Leslie Takahashi; Music: Angela Salvaggione)	
<i>Rev. Leslie and Angela Salvaggione have done a number of collaborative pieces together. This was written for the 2015 Convocation of Meadville Lombard Theological School.</i>	
BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE	Rev. Leslie Takahashi
POSTLUDE “With A Song In My Heart” (Richard Rodgers/Lorenz Hart)	Brett Carson, piano

NEXT SUNDAY: Embracing the We That Encompasses the Me; Why Your Vote Matters. This election is critical to the definition of our collective ethic. Its outcome will demonstrate American ideals for years to come. Please join Rev. Rodney, Intern Minister Miranda Lennox and the worship team as we explore together our ability to maintain ourselves while recognizing the collective need to be part of something more. **For the Affirmation of Community, please send a picture of yourself with a sign asking people to vote—and then put it in your front yard!**

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)

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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.

RACIAL JUSTICE ACTIONS

- Please consider demanding Louisville divest from LMPD, and invest in communities.

[Sign the Petition](#)

- Access to safe in-person voting options are critical for many Black voters with disabilities, but there's a national poll worker shortage. Most states allow people as young as 16 to staff polling places, and poll workers in most states are paid.

[Can you help keep polling places open in Black communities by becoming a poll worker?](#)

- The House passed the HEROES Act back in May, yet the Senate still hasn't done anything to protect our health, our economy, or our democracy from the impact of COVID-19.

[Demand they take action now](#)

- Please consider joining nearly 3 million others in denouncing the KKK as a terrorist organization.

[Sign Here](#)

- Please consider telling Governor Newsom THANK YOU for his formal support on Schools and Communities First - Prop 15

[Thank Him Here](#)

- Please consider joining almost 4000 others in pressuring Uber to offer free rides to disenfranchised voters to the polling place this November!

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- Please consider signing a petition to ask the Christian Broadcasting Network to publicly apologize and discontinue the spread of misinformation against BLM and its leadership.

[Sign Here](#)

CLIMATE JUSTICE ACTIONS

- Sign the petition and tell Trump to stop the oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge!

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- The first debate is just days away, on September 29. Fox News's Chris Wallace will be asking the questions, and as of right now, he's saying that climate change will not be on the agenda.

Make sure Wallace and the other moderators keep the focus where it belongs: on the need for urgent action to address the climate crisis and how it's affecting our communities — especially communities of color bearing the brunt of pollution and climate-fueled disasters.

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