

MT. DIABLO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 18, 2022

“From Loneliness to Laughter”

SUNDAY PROGRAM - WELCOME!

GATHERING SONG #1050, “Jazz Alleluia”

UU composer Tom Benjamin wrote this simple Alleluia setting based on the famous “Canon” of Johann Pachelbel.

PRELUDE “Tears of a Clown” (H. Cosby, S. Robinson & S. Wonder)

Julie Homi, piano

WELCOME

Rev. Leslie Takahashi, Lead Minister
Davina Smith, Board Member

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INVOCATION #188, “Come, Come, Whoever You Are” (Text: Rumi; Music: Lynne Ungar)

Come, come, whoever you are, wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.

Ours is no caravan of despair. Come, yet again come.

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

Emily Ehm

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

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Michael Macias, Intern Minister

SINGING THE CHILDREN TO CLASS

*As you leave this friendly place, love give life to ev'ry face,
may the kindness that you learn light your hearts 'till you return.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Lincoln, Worship Associate

SONG “Draw the Circle Wide” (Mark Miller / Gordon Light)

Retired Canadian Anglican bishop Gordon Light wrote these words in 1994 for The Common Cup Company, a band of ministers of various denominations.

JOYS AND SORROWS

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

MUSIC MEDITATION #402, “From You I Receive” (Nathan Segal)

This chant was composed by Rabbi Nathan Segal, a musician, spiritual teacher, and rabbi living in Marin, with his brother Joseph. It expresses his desire to build loving community.

TIME OF PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Michael Macias

MUSICAL OFFERING “We Belong” (Namoli Brennet)

House Band!

Namoli Brennet is an American singer-songwriter and trans woman based in Tucson who has been touring the United States since the release of her first album in 2002.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Jaynese Davis, Board Member

OFFERTORY “Me and my Shadow” (D. Dreyer & A. Jolson)

Julie Homi, 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 “From Loneliness To Laughter”

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

CLOSING SONG “Creation of Peace” (Barbara Hope & Mark A. Miller, adapted)

Mark A. Miller serves as Assistant Professor of Church Music at Drew Theological School and is a Lecturer in the Practice of Sacred Music at Yale University. He also is the Minister of Music of Christ Church in Summit, New Jersey.

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

POSTLUDE “I Whistle a Happy Tune” (R. Rodgers & O. Hammerstein)

House Band

NEXT SUNDAY: Importance of Integrity: Please join Rev. Rodney and the worship team as we lift up the importance of being whole humans in this broken and healing world.

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, and Hector Tanabe

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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House Band

Laura Zucker, vocal & guitar
Brynn Fay, vocal
Andrea Quigley, vocal
Mark Tuning, vocal & keyboard

Julie Homi, piano
Bill Wentz, bass
Bill Younger, drums

Song Lyrics

#402 From You I Receive

From you I receive, to you I give,
together we share, and from this we live.

Draw The Circle Wide:

Draw the circle, Draw the circle wide,
Draw the circle, Draw the circle wide.
No one is alone, We're here by your side.
Draw the circle, Draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still,
Let this be our song. No one is alone!
We're here by your side,
Draw the circle, Draw the circle wide.

Creation of Peace

We'll build a love where we bind up the broken
We'll build a love where the captives go free
Where the oil of gladness dissolves all our mourning
We'll build a promised love that can be...

O come build a love, come gather together,
Anointed by God, then create peace
Where justice shall flow... down like the wa-ter
And peace, peace like an ev-er flow-ing stream.

We'll build a love where we bring good tidings
To all the afflicted and those who will mourn...
We'll give them garlands instead of ashes...
We'll build a love where peace is re- born...

O come build a love, come gather together,
Anointed by God, then create peace
Where justice shall flow... down like the water
And peace, peace like an ev-er flow-ing stream..

We'll build a love where cries of praises
Resound from spirits once faint and once weak
Where like oaks of righteousness stand her people
Come build a love my people we seek

O come build a love, come gather together,
Anointed by God, then create peace
Where justice shall flow... down like the water
And peace, peace like an ev-er flow-ing stream

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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.

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](#)