

MDUUC's Mission

Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church is a welcoming religious community.

We bring to life our Unitarian Universalist values as we:

- seek truth and work for justice;
- nurture compassion and courage;
- reach out to each other and to our larger community of faith;
- bridge the divisions that wound the human family;
- transform ourselves and our world.*

The 7 Unitarian Universalist Principles

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- ❖ The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- ❖ Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- ❖ Acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth in our congregations;
- ❖ A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- ❖ The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- ❖ The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- ❖ Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

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For more information on MDUUC and our programs, please go to www.mduuc.org.

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“What Can I Learn From This?”
Rev. Neal Anderson/Rev. Leslie Takahashi
June 9, 2019

ORDER OF SERVICE

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WELCOME!

- ❖ *We welcome all of you and invite you to bring your full self.*
- ❖ *See ushers for large print copies of the order of service, hymn books, and hearing assistance devices.*
- ❖ *A comfort room is available at the back of the sanctuary for those with small children.*
- ❖ *A gender-neutral restroom is located in the White Building, which is across the patio.*
- ❖ *We use pronouns in our introduction to recognize the gender spectrum among us.*
- ❖ *Accessible seating spaces for wheelchairs are marked in several places around the Sanctuary.*
- ❖ *A Fragrance-Free Zone is located on the right side of the Sanctuary, marked on the back of chairs.*
- ❖ *Please put your cell phone on a reverential setting.*

GATHERING SONG #1010, “We Give Thanks”

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 Minuet I from *Partita in Bb Major*, BWV 825 (J. S. Bach) Valerie Ross, piano

WELCOME Rev. Leslie Takahashi, Lead Minister
Kathy Teplitz, Board Representative

EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS Rev. Neal Anderson

INVOCATION “Let Me” (Leslie Takahashi & Jo Gelinias)

Let me live each day with intention.

Let me know truth’s spirit awns my guide.

Let me touch the pulse of the world’s great heart.

Let me glimpse the mystery of its soul.

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE Mary Allen

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Mark David Watanabe, Worship Associate

HYMN #86, “Blessed Spirit of My Life”

This hymn’s music and words were written by Shelley Jackson Denham, a Unitarian Universalist and the director of extension and worship at The Mountain, NC. The text was written as a prayer.

TIME FOR ALL AGES “The Answer Is In Your Hands” Indigo Lewis

SINGING THE CHILDREN AND TEACHERS TO THEIR CLASSES

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

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE: For the many small acts of service, kindness and affirmation, we give thanks.

For all who give them and take the time to notice what is needed, we are grateful.

For the small ways giving binds us together, we are indebted.

By the hope that we receive from simple, faithful acts, we are blessed.

JOYS AND SORROWS

Rev. Neal Anderson

MEDITATION HYMN #1008, “When Our Heart Is in A Holy Place”

This hymn was composed by Joyce Poley, a longtime leader among Unitarian Universalist musicians.

TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

MUSICAL OFFERING “That Lonesome Road” (James Taylor & Don Grolnick) Chalice Choir

CALL FOR THE OFFERING Mark David Watanabe

OFFERTORY *Sonata in D Major*, Op 28: II Andante (Beethoven) Valerie Ross, 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.”

REFLECTION “Mistakes, Missteps and Musings” Rev. Leslie Takahashi

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

REFLECTION “Oops and Openheartedness” Rev. Neal Anderson

CLOSING HYMN #131, “Love Will Guide Us”

Sally Rogers is a public elementary school music teacher, touring folk musician and songwriter whose works promote justice, unity, and peace.

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE Gigue from *Partita in Bb Major*, BWV 825 (J. S. Bach) Valerie Ross, piano

Please be seated. We ask that those who wish to leave during the Postlude please do so quietly, so that the music may be enjoyed in its entirety by those who choose to remain.

Please join us for coffee hour following the service.

Thank you to our dedicated ushers. Thank you to our audio and video support team. The flowers were arranged by Karla Leibowitz. Steve Hirsch, Jaynese Davis and Kathy Teplitz will be at the Umbrella Table. Coffee Service is provided by Mary Alice Lucchetti, Rowena McGregor, David Epley, Hisako Tanasa and Jane North. The Caring Listener is Randall Wiley.

NEXT SUNDAY: “You Raise Me Up” -Today we celebrate the parent that resides within us all as we remember how we nurture not only our children, but also each other. Join Rev, Neal Anderson for his last sermon at MDUUC.

PLEASE RECYCLE THIS PRINT-OUT AT THE TABLE AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

GREEN REMINDER: THERE IS NO SUCH PLACES AS AWAY. WHEN WE THROW ANYTHING AWAY, IT MUST GO SOMEWHERE. - ANNIE LEONARD

This Week at Mount Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church

Sunday, June 9

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Meditation Group (Fireside Room)
- 10:15 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Reception for Aaron/BBQ & Chili Cookoff Fundraiser (Patio)
- 12:00 p.m. YRUU (Sequoia Room)
- 4:00 p.m. Diablo Choral Artists June Concert (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Fireside Room)
- 4:30 p.m. Parents Meeting Al-Anon (Owl Room)

Monday, June 10

- 7:00 p.m. Jobs Taskforce of MFAC (Children’s Chapel)
- 7:15 p.m. Yoga (Bortin Hall)

Tuesday, June 11

- 1:00 p.m. History Committee (Bortin Hall)
- 5:30 p.m. Restorative Practices (Owl Room)
- 6:30 p.m. General Assembly Ware Lecture with Britney Packett (Children’s Chapel)
- 7:00 p.m. Technology Workshop for Seniors (Bortin Hall)

Wednesday, June 12

- 10:00 a.m. Elder Journey (Bortin Hall)
- 5:30 p.m. Vespers (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 p.m. Women of Wisdom (Redwood Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Member and Engagement Committee Meeting (Zoom)
- 7:00 p.m. Climate Change Conversation (Fireside Room)

Thursday, June 13

- 11:00 a.m. All Staff Meeting (Bortin Hall)
- 5:00 p.m. DRUUMM Meeting (off site)
- 7:00 p.m. LGBTQ & Friends (Children’s Chapel and Owl Room)

Friday, June 14

- 11:00 a.m. WAAT Meeting (Owl Room)
- 11:30 a.m. Immigration Justice Vigil at ICE Office in SF (Offsite)
- 12:00 p.m. Grief Group (Redwood Room)
- 4:00 p.m. Coffee and Conversation (Offsite)

Saturday, June 15

- 8:30 a.m. Pastoral Visitors (Owl Room)
- 9:00 a.m. SURJ - Showing Up for Racial Justice (Children’s Chapel)
- 10:00 a.m. Board Retreat (Bortin Hall)

Donate by Texting any amount to 84321 to give. You can even use this for our special collection today. If you have never set up Text-to-Give, you'll be asked to select MDUUC and set up a payment method. From then on giving will be as simple as sending a text.



Announcements for the Week of 6/2/2019

Please feel free to pull out this section to take home!

ONE SERVICE at 10:15 a.m. for the summer through the end of August.

Intern Gift - As our 2018-19 Intern Minister Aaron Eaves reaches the end of his internship **today**, June 9. You are invited to celebrate his ministry after our 10:15 a.m. worship service. You are also invited to contribute to a gift for Aaron by writing a check to MDUUC or designating cash by indicating “Intern” and putting it into the offering plate or dropping it off during office hours. You can also make a contribution online at MDUUC.org and using the “DONATE” button located at the top right-hand corner of the page. Today, stop by Bortin Hall and leave a farewell message in the journal available next to the Social Justice table.



PreK - 1st grade will spend the summer developing their "kindness muscle" through a program of mindful activities focused on "Growing Kindness."

For the 2nd - 5th grade, teacher Ronan Braun is calling all nature lovers to join in for a hands-on exploration of all things outdoors! We'll experience the web of life through projects involving bugs, spiders, trees, gardens, and water. Be prepared to get a little dirty.

6th - 8th grade will use the *Lodestone* program to focus on essential topics in Unitarian Universalism of diversity, community, spiritual practice, reason and curiosity. The summer will provide teachable moments couched in deep fun!! Join us today for the opening brunch!

Like to have good discussions and fun with science? With 12 to 14 year olds? The RE program is looking for summer middle school guides to journey alongside our youth over the summer. If you think this may be you and you'd like more information please contact Indigo at indigo@mduuc.org

SAVE THE DATE - Chalice Camp - August 5 - 9. More information is coming soon!



Thank you! Rev. Leslie wants to thank all who contributed to the “stole my heart” surprise! She will be very honored to wear this when she delivers the Berry Street Essay. And yes, she was completely surprised!



Our 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff is today! After the service, join your MDUUC friends for some chili tasting, cornbread, and cookies. Vote for your favorite chili – last year’s Judges AND People’s Choice winner, Liam Takahashi, will be defending his crown.

Thank you for supporting our 2018/2019 fundraising events. We hope you’ve enjoyed them as much as we, your fundraising volunteers have!

The Gift of Years - Monday, June 10 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

The 12 Steps for Unitarian Universalists - Will not meet on June 11 but will resume next week.

General Assembly Ware Lecture with Britney Packett - Tuesday, June 11, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Join Rev. Neal Anderson for a viewing & discussion of last year’s Ware Lecture. Brittany Packett is an unapologetic educator, organizer, writer, and speaker. Known as @MsPackyetti on social media, Brittany has become a sought-after voice in the work of social change and empowerment. A former teacher, policy expert, and nonprofit executive director, Brittany has committed her life and career to justice. Come and watch her lecture with Rev. Neal and discuss.

Technology Tutorial for Seniors! -Tuesday, June 11, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Bortin Hall. Does your smartphone make you feel anything but smart? Having trouble with a device? We can help! The youth of MDUUC will host a workshop on using technology and social media for communication, connection, and social justice. Bring a device and we'll set you up with email, Facebook, texting, and more! Register: tinyurl.com/mduuctech or at the Adult Programs Table.

Elder Journey - Wednesday, June 12, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Bortin Hall. Join us for lively conversation and connection about the particular joys and sorrows of life in one’s later decades. Led by Rev. Leslie Takahashi, Bring a snack to share in Bortin Hall.

Vespers - Please join us for Vespers in June. Vespers will be held each week EXCEPT Wednesday, June 19th. Please join us for this service of music, meditation, and musing. The June theme is “Inner Resources.”

Coffee and Conversation - Join Rev. Neal for one more gathering at a place of caffeination for a little stimulation by beverage and conversation. This informal gathering is a great way to meet your neighbors. Bring a topic you would like discussed. **Last one** before summer:

Friday, June 14, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. at Peets, 435 Railroad Ave, Danville with Rev. Neal.

UU Justice Ministry Border Trip - Join us on a UU Border Trip to Tijuana. Share a weekend with amazing people, challenge yourself to learn more about what is really happening at our southern border, and put your values into action. The next trip is July 19th - 22nd. For more information, go to www.uuborders.org. You can also contact Mark Chase or Peggy Kroll for further information.

Going to GA? - Are you planning to attend the UUA’s annual General Assembly in Spokane, WA June 19 - 23? So far we know 21 MDUUC members who will be there! If you haven't been in contact, please email denomcon@mduuc.org with your name, email, cell number and where you plan to stay in Spokane. A GA training session is coming up!!

Being Sanctuary: Want to make a difference?

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. As you consider how you are moved to answer the call of love, here are some suggestions for action.

ACTION

- Join us this Friday June 14th 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Immigration Justice Vigil hosted by Bay Area Unitarian Universalists at 630 Sansome St., San Francisco
- Humanitarian Aid Is Not A Crime! Sign petition here: <http://forms.nomoredeaths.org/drop-the-charges-against-dr-scott-warren/>
- Call Governor Newsom at 916-445-2841 to expand Medi-Cal access to our state’s undocumented seniors (ages 65+).
- The Administration is separating migrant moms from their NEWBORN children right after they're born. Demand this stops! <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/end-the-prosecution-of-pregnant-asylum-seekers?>
- Fossil fuel drilling on Mt. Diablo and other CA public lands? Say no: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/tell-the-blm-no-drilling-on-public-land-in-california/>

SUMMER COMMUNITY CIRCLES - Sign-up now!

- Are you new to MDUUC?
- New or not so new, do you want to build connections with others?
- Do you want to talk about what really matters?
- Is listening and being heard important to you?

MDUUC Community Circles are small group ministries that offers a way to deepen one’s faith through reflection and listening. Trained facilitators plan topics for the sessions, or a Circle may agree on topics for discussion. It’s not all serious... laughing matters too!

Check out the 2019 Summer Sessions (6-week sessions). We are hoping for a third session and will announce ASAP. Sign up at www.mduuc.org or at the RE Table on Sunday.

Ses-sion	Dates	Day of the Week	Time	Location
I	June 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25 (no session week of July 4 th)	Thursday	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Rossmoor
II	July 14, 21, 28, Aug. 4, 11, 18	Sunday	12:30 – 2:30	MDUUC
III	Dates TBD - Late Summer	Thursday	10:00 a.m. -Noon	MDUUC

Are you interested in MDUUC’s work on climate change? Please attend a meeting this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We will make some plans for summer activities.