

MT. DIABLO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Sunday, March 22, 2020 with Rev. Leslie Takahashi

“I Know I Can Go On”

SUNDAY PROGRAM - 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 #1009, “Meditation on Breathing”

U.U. musician Sarah Dan Jones wrote this chant as a meditation for spiritual healing in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

PRELUDE "Liebeslied" (Fritz Kreisler)

Johanna McShane (violin) & Brett Carson (piano)

WELCOME

Rev. Leslie Takahashi
Steve Hirsch, Board President

AFFIRMATION OF COMMUNITY

INVOCATION “The Darkness and the Light” (Cynthia Crossen)

The darkness and the light meet inside of me / and they dance me into life, set me free, set me free, / and they dance me into life, set me free.

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

Miranda Lennox

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Indigo Lewis

HYMN #347, “Gather the Spirit”

This hymn was composed by U.U. singer-songwriter (and former member of the Paul Winter consort) Jim Scott of Shrewsbury, MA.

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Indigo Lewis & Marena McGregor

SINGING THE CHILDREN AND TEACHERS TO THEIR SPECIAL ACTIVITIES!!!

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 #396, “I Know This Rose Will Open”

The words and tune of this hymn were written by Mary E. Grigolia, a Unitarian Universalist minister.

TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

MUSICAL OFFERING “You Can Do This Hard Thing” (Carrie Newcomer)

MDUUC House Band

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Marena McGregor

OFFERTORY Adagio, from *Sonata no 3 in E major* (J. S. Bach)

Johanna McShane (violin) & 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.”

MEDITATION ON THE WORLD

Rev. Rodney Lemery

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

HYMN #1015, “I Know I Can”

This song is a collaborative effort among the composer, Jeannie Gagné, lyricist, Rev. Dennis Hamilton, and arranger, Mark Freundt. It comes from hope, prayer, and a strong will. The melody came to Jeannie in about twenty minutes one evening, which she says happens rarely but when it does, she trusts it! They hope this hymn is as inspiring to sing as it was to write.

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Rev. Leslie Takahashi

POSTLUDE Allegro, from *Sonata no 4 in D major* (G. F. Handel)

Johanna McShane (violin) & Brett Carson (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.

Audio and video support is provided by Colin Ketcham, Troy Yochelson and Liam Takahashi.

NEXT SUNDAY: ‘The “We” Generation Versus the “Me” Generation. When faced with times of difficulty and disaster, human beings have two different kinds of responses—to lock the doors and build the gates to keep others out—or to figure out how to reach out beyond our own self-interests and create anew together. Join Rev. Leslie Takahashi to explore how our faith helps us approach this very real choice we make every day.

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