Welcome to the Mount Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church! We are a free and open community of people dedicated to helping each other in our spiritual journeys. The following principles help to guide us...

The 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.

STAFF

Revs. Leslie and David Takahashi Morris, Co-Ministers
Rev. Dr. David Sammons, Minister Emeritus
Heather Sawyers, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
Mark Tuning, Music Director
Dr. Lino Rivera, Accompanist
Suzan Lawrence, Church Administrator
German Rivera, Custodian
Kevin Drewery, Lead Youth Advisor
Givonne Galanti, Sunday Morning Coffee

Jann Geyer, Board President

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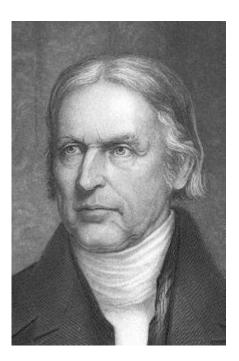
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Abiding Grace, Abiding Heresy

Rev. Leslie Takahashi Morris February 8, 2009

ORDER OF SERVICE

FEBRUARY 8, 2009

WELCOME!

- ❖ You may write joys and concerns in the book on the memorial table by the hallway. Entries will be read during the service.
- *Large print copies of the order of service and hymnbooks, and hearing assistance devices are available at the greeting table.
- ❖ Please put your cell phone on a reverential setting. Please no electronic games.
- ❖A comfort room for small children is at the back of the sanctuary.

PRELUDE Kodaly: Moderato Lino Rivera, Piano

WELCOME Rev. Leslie Takahashi Morris

ANNOUNCEMENTS Joanne Scott, Board Rep

CHORAL INVOCATION MDUUC Adult Choir Mark Tuning, Director

LIGHTING THE CHALICE Rev. Barbara and Dick Cheetham

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Leslie Takahashi Morris

HYMN #95, "There Is More Love Somewhere"

This is an African American Hymn which was named for Steven Bantu Biko, a Black South African activist and founder of the South African Student's Organization

TIME FOR ALL AGES

from *A Lamp In Every Corner* by Janeen K Grohsmeyer Rev. David and Leslie Takahashi Morris

Please join in singing to our children and teachers as they leave.

As you leave this friendly place/Love give light to every face

May the kindness that you learn/Light your hearts till you return

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Those who wish to light a candle as their written joy or sorrow is read are invited to come forward, remain with the Worship Associate until all the candles are lit, and be seated at the conclusion of this part.

MEDITATION HYMN #123, "Spirit of Life"

Carolyn McDade, a feminist activist and songwriter, wrote the text to this hymn as a prayer. Harmonization by Grace Lewis-McLaren, a composer, organist, writer, and editor.

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

ANTHEM "When God is seen with men to dwell" MDUUC Adult Choir This Universalist hymn has text by Hosea Ballou and music by François H. Barthélémon.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

While the offering is received you are invited to light silent candles of remembrance and hope. Each week we light the two pillar candles to acknowledge that we are living in a nation at war. The blue candle represents our wishes for all whose lives are endangered by the conflict, and the white candle holds our hopes for peace.

DRAMA "Abiding Grace, Abiding Heresy"

Scene I "A Young Heretic"

Scene II "A Heretic's Heretic"

REFLECTION Rev. Leslie Takahashi Morris

DRAMA "Abiding Grace, Abiding Heresy"

Scene III "An Abiding Heresy"

HYMN #187, "It Sounds Along the Ages"

William Channing Gannett wrote these words, titled "The Word Of God," and set them to a hymn tune of the Bohemian Brethren.

You are invited to sit for the Benediction and Postlude.

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE Words of Hosea Ballou

POSTLUDE Title Name, Piano

Please join us for coffee hour following the service. The coffee host is Elizabeth Copley. The greeters are Don Anger, Joan Armstrong, and Paul Damrow. The ushers are Jackie Segal, Alan McGregor, and Kevin McGregor. The flowers were arranged by Nim Bellows; Roger Ehm, Judy Heckman, and Errol Reyes from the membership committee will be at the newcomer umbrella.

NEXT SUNDAY: Revs. David and Leslie Takahashi Morris. "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse." On this Sunday after Valentine's Day, we explore the darker side of love, the ways in which our patterns of communication can interfere with our most loving intentions.

TODAY: