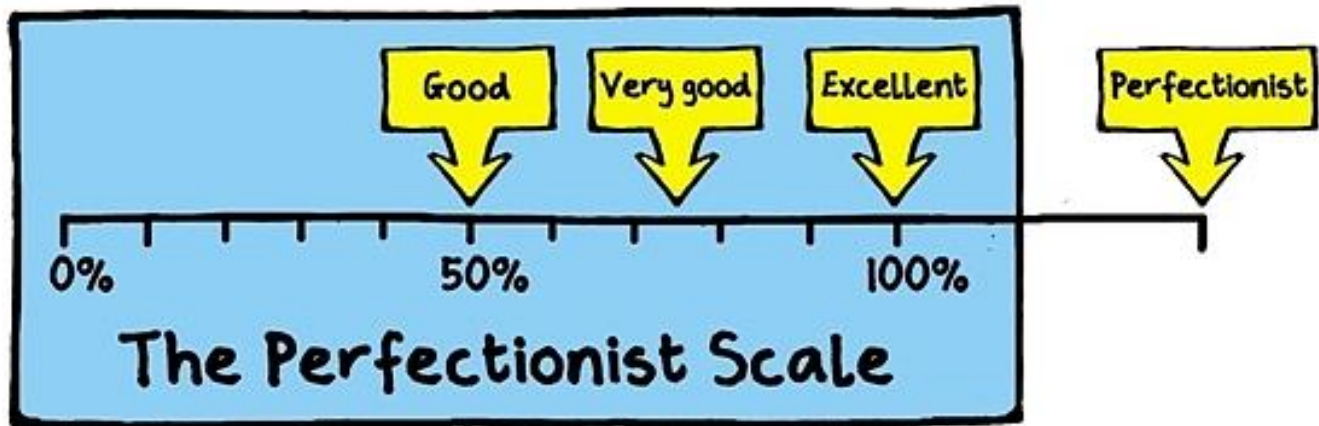


WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Perfect Strangers

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Worship Associate: Rev. Barbara Meyers

Worship Host: Steve Wallcave
Music: Jay Steele

Sunday, September 13, 2020 10:00 AM

We are very glad that you are with us today and hope you feel our welcome. If you would like to learn more about us and receive our weekly email newsletter, please send an email to welcome@mpuuc.org.

We request your name, email, phone number and address. We'd be happy to answer any questions.

Our Mission Statement:

The foundation of Mission Peak is love. We are a spiritual community of open minds, nurturing Growth and healing in ourselves and all people. Together we strive to live compassionately and courageously as we work for a nonviolent, just and sustainable world.

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 to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of the conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and 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.

Order of Service

Sunday, September 13, 2020 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"You either walk inside your story and own it or you stand outside your story and hustle for your worthiness... Authenticity is the daily practice of letting go who we think we're supposed to be and embracing who we are. Choosing authenticity means cultivating the courage to be imperfect." - Brené Brown

Prelude	Strangers Like Me By: Phil Collins	Jay and Jessica Steele
Call to Worship		Rev. Barbara Meyers
Welcome		Annette Breingan
Welcome Song	#1007 There's a River Flowing in My Soul	Jay and Jessica Steele
Unison Chalice Lighting		Rev. Barbara Meyers
	We light this chalice...To remind ourselves to treat all people kindly, because we are all one family; To take good care of the Earth, because it is our home; To live lives full of goodness and love, because that is how we will become the best people we can be.	
Time for all Ages	The Paper Bag Princess Adapted from Robert Munsch	Rev. Barbara Meyers
Practice of Generosity (Offering)		Ingrid O'Brien Avery
Here's how to donate to the Our Fund:		
Please donate generously if you are able, in one of these ways:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mail check to Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation "Our Fund" in the memo line P.O. Box 545 Fremont, CA 94537-0545 (If you use Bill Pay with your bank, you could use them to mail the check) If you are making a pledge, please indicate "pledge" on the memo line.• Drop envelope with check (with Our Fund on the memo line) or cash (with a note stating "For Our Fund") in Mission Peak UU mail slot addressed to: Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation We will be collecting this once per week.• Pay on line at https://mpuuc.org/contact-us/donate/ with credit or debit card. Choose "Special" as the donation type. Please state "For Our Fund" in the message (Note we use PayPal for this, and they charge us around 3%.)		

Joys and Concerns

Introduction – Rev. Barbara Meyers

Song of Reflection

The Stranger

Jay Steele

By: Billy Joel

Reading of Shared Joys & Concerns – Rev. Greg

Ward

Hymn

#205 Amazing

Grace

Message

Perfect Strangers

Rev. Greg Ward

Going Deeper

Closing Hymn

#1053 How Could

Anyone

Extinguishing the Chalice

#456

Rev. Barbara Meyers

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Benediction

Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: September 20 – "Noah's Dilemma"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Shawn Snavley. Worship Host will be Drew Wilson. Peak Rocks will provide our music.

Noah had a dilemma. It seems the world was going to hell in a handbasket and, frankly, he was hoping for something a little more promising. Together with his neighbor and the wisdom of the animals of his community, they reflect on a theology that may help guide them toward a more hope-filled future. They reveal a story that is a little different from the one we're accustomed to hearing - and it features many of our beloved members of MPUUC. Come to the service with some water, ready to pour yourself into a new beginning.

Go to <https://mpuuc.org/zoom/> for order of service and how to connect for all services

Announcements: [See the Week on the Peak articles for more info on the first 2](#)

- **Getting Ready for Water Communion in 1 week** – See WOP article on how to get ready.
- **Fall Children and Youth Religious Education Begins Today** - This year we will be doing our RE program over Zoom. We will have three age groups this year. **Infant to 2nd grade**, will meet on the 4th Sunday of the month at 9am for a pre-worship story time and chat. They will also receive a story book video and questions the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month to watch when they can. **3rd grade to 7th grade**, will meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 1pm. This group will be using a modified Heading the Call. **8th-12th grade**, will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and will be using a modified Be the Change curriculum. **We will need volunteers** to lead story time with The Littles on the 4th Sunday and volunteers to lead small group ministry with The Middles. If you are interested in volunteering please email Shawn. Training will be provided and volunteering will be greatly rewarded :) **To register** your child(ren) or youth(s) please complete this [google form](#). - [Shawn Snavley](#)
- **The UUA western region will have a public vespers service from 4:00pm PT to 5:00pm today.** See mpuuc.org/zoom towards the bottom for more details.