WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Share the Love - Annual Animal Blessing Service

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Worship Associate: Shawn Snavley

Worship Host: Drew Wilson
Music: Jay Steele, Jessica Steele, and Peak Performers

Sunday, October 11, 2020 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Listening

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, October 11, 2020 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"The animals of the world exist for their own reasons. They were not made for humans any more than black people were made for white, or women created for men." *— Alice Walker*

"Some people talk to animals. Not many listen though. That's the problem." *— A.A. Milne*

Opening Hymn *#203 All Creatures of the Earth and Sky* Jay Steele
Words attr. to St. Francis of Assisi

Call To Worship Rev. Greg Ward

Welcome Allysson McDonald

Unison Chalice Lighting Allysson McDonald

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.

Welcome Song Colors of the Wind Jay Steele and Jessica Steele
Composed by Alan Menken and Stephen Laurence Schwartz

Time for all Ages What pet should we get? Shawn Snavley
By: Dr. Seuss

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Valerie Stewart

Here's how to donate to the UUA Disaster Relief Fund:

Please donate generously if you are able, in one of these ways:

- Mail check to Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation "UUA Disaster Relief 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 UUA Disaster Relief Fund on the memo line) or cash (with a note stating "For UUA Disaster Relief 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 UUA Disaster Relief Fund" in the message. (Note we use PayPal for this and they charge us around 3%.)

Joys and Concerns
Introduction – Shawn Snavley
Song of Reflection *#175 We Celebrate the Web of Life* Jay Steele
Words: Alicia S. Carpenter; Music: Melchior Vulpius
Reading of Shared Joys & Concerns – Rev. Greg Ward
Time of Letting Go and Remembering Rev. Greg Ward

Hymn *#15 The Lone Wild Bird* Peak Performers accompanied by Shauna Pickett-Gordon
Words: H.R. McFadden; Music: Walker's Southern Harmony

Calling Across the Rainbow Bridge

Who Rescued Who? **#servicedogprovidesservices** Shawn Snavley

Hymn *#123 Spirit of Life* Jay Steele and Jessica Steele
Words and Music by Carolyn McDade

Share the Love

Blessing of the Animals Shawn Snavley and Rev. Greg Ward

Going Deeper

Closing Hymn *#324 Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads* Jay Steele

Extinguishing the Chalice #456 Shawn Snavley
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: October 18 – "Finding True North in a Post Truth World"
Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Paul K. Davis. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Peak Rocks will provide our music.

No one likes the grammar police. That is, until some mischievous comma crook runs off with your intention and changes what you *know* you said... or when someone literally says 'literally' like a million times (when they don't). Then, who is there to put a stop to the nonsense. When we all bow to the loudest voice in the room or the court of public opinion, what's the point of having experts?

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

Announcements: In search of mental health family support or peer support resources in the larger Tri-City area? Contact Rev. Barbara Meyers, a mental health educator and peer support provider. There are some activities that are available during the pandemic. Email com_minister@mpuuc.org, or call 510-796-5722.

Videos of many previous services are on our web site – We recently posted recent services/sermons to the web site. Look for [Video] after the title when you go to the "Service Archive" For more details see Week on the Peak.