WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Holiday Wars

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Worship Associate: Rev. Barbara Meyers
Worship Host: Drew Wilson

Music: Jay Steele, Jessica Steele, Peggy Rahman, Shauna Pickett-Gordan

Board Welcome: Annette Breignan

Sunday, December 13, 2020 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Stillness

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, December 13, 2020 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

Why do I wish people "Happy Holidays"? Because from November 1 – January 15 there are approximately 29 holidays observed by 7 of the world's major religions. And I don't think mine are the only ones that count. – Anonymous

The (O'Reilly) Factor has stood up for Christmas for the last 15 years,, defending the holiday from secular progressives. - Bill O'Reilly

Next time a veteran from the War on Christmas wishes me "Merry Christmas," I will tell them "All Holidays Matter!" - Anonymous

Prelude

Bell Rev. Barbara Meyers

Call To Worship Rev. Greg Ward

Welcome Annette Breingan

Welcome Song #221 Light One Candle Peggy Rahman, Shauna Pickett-Gordan, Peter Yarrow

Unison Chalice Lighting Rev. Greg Ward

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 Elijah's Angel Rev. Barbara Meyers

Michael J. Rosen (words) and Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson (Illustrations)

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Rev. Greg Ward

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  We will be collecting this once per week.
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Joys and Concerns
Introduction – Rev. Barbara Meyers

Song of Reflection	Once Upon A December Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens	Jessica and Jay Steele

Reading of Shared Joys & Concerns – Rev. Greg Ward

Reflection	Black Lives Matter Solidarity at Christmas Time	Rev. Barbara Meyers
Music	Grown Up Christmas List David Foster and Linda Thompson-Jenner	Jessica and Jay Steele
Message	Holiday Wars	Rev. Greg Ward
Going Deeper		
Closing Hymn	Happy Christmas (War is Over) John Lennon and Yoko Ono	Jay and Jessica Steele
Extinguishing the Chalice	#456 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.	Rev. Barbara Meyers
Benediction		Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: December 20 – "The Last Straw - A Holiday Pageant"
Rev. Greg Ward and Shawn Snavely will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Shawn Snavely. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Peak Rocks will provide our music.

Hoshmakatu is a jaded Camel who's long had others greed strapped to his back. Now he turns his back on the world. He would have entirely missed the miracle that would save his life but for a Lamb who believed in him more than he could believe in himself.

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

Announcements:

ADULT EDUCATION WINTER 2021 - The Adult Education Committee is pleased to announce its course offerings for the 2021 Winter Quarter. All classes will be offered on Zoom, and links will be sent to registered students prior to the beginning of the class. To sign up for a class, please email Linda Messia at **lmessia@yahoo.com**.

Although **Maria Luisa** is not taking phone calls right now, she **enjoys mail**. If you would like to send her a card to let her know you're thinking of her, please go to the Congregational Directory in the Members Only section of our web site to get her mailing address. Let's see if we can decorate her place with loving, supportive cards! Please contact me if you have any questions. - Kathy Wallcave

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.