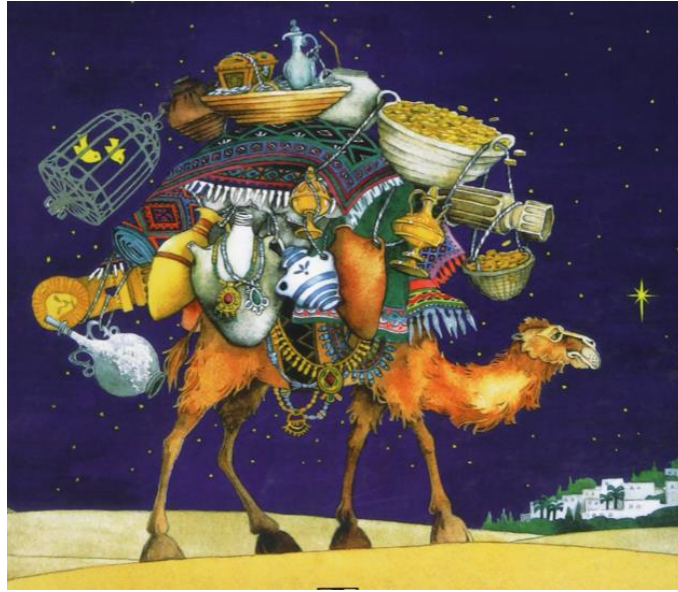


WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



The Last Straw **MPUUC RE Holiday Pageant**

Worship Leader: MPUUC Children and Youth

Worship Associate: Shawn Snavley

Pageant Director: Lisa Newstrom

Worship Host: Steve Wallcave

Music: Peak Rocks, Jay and Jessica Steele and Peak Performers

Pageant Producer: Rev. Greg Ward

Sunday, December 20, 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 welc@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 20, 2020 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"There is always a final straw, but it's not any worse than the dozens of straws that came before. They are the same. You just finally learned the lesson that you are more than what you settled for." - Stephanie Bennett-Henry

Prelude

Bell Shawn Snavley

Story Opening

Opening Hymn Do You Hear What I Hear? Peak Rocks
Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne

Welcome

Melissa Holmes

Story Part II

Unison Chalice Lighting Michael Sarten

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.

Music Where Are You, Christmas? Jessica and Jay Steele
Mariah Carey, James Horner and Will Jennings

Story Part III

Prayer Rev. Greg Ward

Music The Hills are Bare in Bethlehem Peter H Zakel

Story Part IV

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Shawn Snavley

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

- Mail check to Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
P.O. Box 545 Fremont, CA 94537-0545
(If you use Bill Pay with your bank, you could use them to mail the check)
- Drop envelope with check or cash 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. (Note we use PayPal for this and they charge us around 3%)

Music I Know I Can Brian Kenny, Piano; Alena Hemmingway and Mike Menefee, Vocals; Dennis Hamilton, Words; Jeannie Gagne, Music; Mark Freundt, Arr.

Story Part V

Music Mary Did You Know? Peak Rocks
Greene Lee Rufus / Lowry Mark Alan

Story Epilogue

Closing Music We Are UUA General Assembly 2020 Virtual Choir
Dr. Ysaye Barnwell

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 Katherine Alm

Next Service: December 24th, 2020 @5pm – “A Funny Thing Happened on the road to Bethlehem”

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service with a host of MPUUC members bringing our main characters to life.. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Peak Performers will provide our music.

Lessons and Carols format in conversation with the various figures in the traditional nativity story.

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

Peak Rocks is:

Jeff Bohnhoff – Lead, rhythm, electric & acoustic guitars; electronic drums & other synthesized orchestration, master sound engineer

Mark Kahn – Piano, keyboards/organ, synthesizer, vocals

Stephen Longfield – Bass guitar

David Lefkort – Vocals, harmonica, hand drums, any percussion other than a drum kit (& occasional trombone)

Pageant Cast:

Hoshmakatu: David Sarten

Baa Humbug: Evelyn Klopfenstein

Story Teller: Katherine Alm

Small Shepherd: Charlotte Klopfenstein

Donkey: Michael Sarten

Wise person: Joanna Klopfenstein

Goat: Megan McMillen

Herd of Sheep: Robbie O’Brien Avery, Izzy Newstrom,

Maya King and Evelyn Dhand

Millers: Armando, Nathan and Raymond Holmes-King

Townspeople: Steve and Kathy Wallcave

Women with finest silks: Valerie and Katherine Stewart

Man with rare bird: Paul Clifford and his parrot

Group of bakers: DeAnna, Eric, and Markus Alm, Melissa Holmes and Jen King

Merchants: Melissa Holmes and Jen King

Woman and baby: Bekah and Caden Dhand

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.

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.

Daytimer's Gathering with Rev. Greg - Wed. at 10AM

Every week on Wednesday, I am going to have host a Daytimer's gathering. This is a mid-morning conversation with the minister (from 10:00 am – 11:00 am). It's time to connect around a topic which I'll try to name ahead of time. Next Wednesday's topic (Dec. 23) is 'The Greatest Gifts (The Ones We've Given and The Ones We've Received)'. You can be part of it by clicking on [THIS LINK](#) at 10:00 am on Wednesday Dec. 23rd. - Rev. Greg Ward

Winter Solstice Zoom Social – Monday, December 21st at 7PM

"From out of the darkness and cold, light and hope return." The Winter Solstice this year marks not only the start of our planet's journey towards the longer, 'lighter' days of Spring and Summer, but also our moving ever closer to what we hope will be a brighter future for the United States, and the hope of a vaccination and an end to COVID quarantine. Please join us on Monday, December 21 @ 7:00 via Zoom for a Winter Solstice Social Gathering lead by Colleen Arnold & Jen King. The event will include time for reflecting on 2020, sharing our hopes for 2021, and having some good old fashioned fun.

Please click on the link below to register for this event. Once you've registered you will receive an email with instructions for accessing the Zoom session for the event.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ldOCqzktHN3EPDm44KzzXWHa-bLyJhwM>