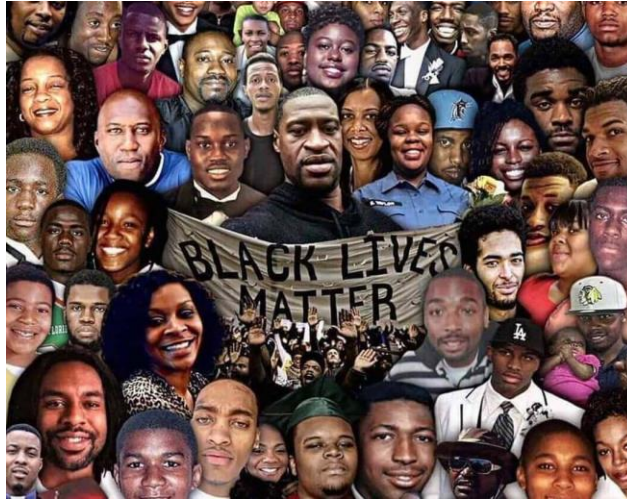


WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Strange Fruit

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Worship Associate: Michelle Wallace

Worship Host: Graham Bell
Music: Peak Rocks

Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Beginning

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, January 17, 2021 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"If we are not careful, our colleges will produce a group of close-minded, unscientific, illogical propagandists, consumed with immoral acts. Be careful, 'brethren!' Be careful, teachers!"

- from 'The Purpose of Education' from Morehouse College student newspaper, 1947

"The contemporary tendency in our society is to base our distribution on scarcity, which has vanished, and to compress our abundance into the overfed mouths of the middle and upper classes until they gag with superfluity. If democracy is to have breadth of meaning, it is necessary to adjust this inequity. It is not only moral, but it is also intelligent. We are wasting and degrading human life by clinging to archaic thinking."

—Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?, 1967

"We've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now because I've been to the mountaintop... I've looked over and I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land."

—"I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech, April 3, 1968

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Michelle Wallace and Rev. Greg Ward

Welcome Melissa Holmes

Welcome Song Peak Rocks
For What It's Worth
Stephen Stills

Unison Chalice Lighting Michelle Wallace

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 Rev. Greg Ward
Something Happened in Our Town
A Child's Story About Racial Injustice
Marianne Celano, PhD. ABPP, Marietta Collins, PhD and Ann Hazzard, PhD, ABPP
Illustrated by Jennifer Zivoin

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Michelle Wallace

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- 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%.

Joys and Concerns

Introduction – Rev. Greg Ward

Song of Reflection	A Change is Gonna Come Sam Cooke	Peak Rocks
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Reading of Shared Joys & Concerns – Rev. Greg Ward

Music	Pride U2	Peak Rocks
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Message	Strange Fruit	Rev. Greg Ward
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Going Deeper

Closing Hymn	The Times They Are a Changin’ Bob Dylan	Peak Rocks
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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.	Michelle Wallace
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Benediction		Rev. Greg Ward
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Next Week’s Service: January 24 – “Beginning a Pandemic”

Paul K. Davis will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Kathy Wallcave. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Jo Ann Schriener will provide our music.

This past year we experienced a great pandemic, perhaps the twentieth or so in recorded history, and it continues. Like previous disease pandemics, it was accompanied by a pandemic of illogic, untruth and selfishness. Let us work, during this new year and new presidential administration, to infectiously spread a pandemic of logic, truth and love.

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

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)

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.