

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Rev. Greg Ward and the Mission Peak UU Congregation Installation Service of Shared Ministry

Sunday, April 25, 2021 1:00 PM

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

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Centering Thought

"Each day we shall make the intentional decision to breed acts of love, hope and generosity, for these are our rebellious acts of protest"
- Christine Organ

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something I can do."
- Edward Everett Hale

Prelude

You Raise Me Up
Rolf Lovland and Brendan Graham

Jay and Jessica Steele

Bell

The Rev. Barbara Meyers

Greetings

Dr. Melissa James, Pacific Western Region Congregational Life Staff
Karen LoBracco, former LREDA Board member, current Ministerial Fellowship Committee member

Music

#358 Rank by Rank
John Huntley Skrine, Music; Carl Seaburg, Words

Shauna Pickett-Gordon and Peak Performers

Unison Chalice Lighting

Mark Rahman

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.

Reflections on Shared Ministry

The Rev. Dr. Chris Schriener, Minister Emeritus, Mission Peak UU Congregation
The Rev. Dawn Fortune, former MPUUC Intern, Minister of UU Congregation of South Jersey Shore

Music

1054 "Let This Be a House of Peace"
jim Scott

Shauna Pickett-Gordon and Peak Performers

Time for all Ages

Building Better Together- MacGyvering Shared Ministry
Shawn Snavley, Director of Religious Education Mission Peak UU Congregation

Reading

Sing a New Song
Howard Thurman

Terri King

Music

God Has Work For Us To Do
Carl Daw, Mark A. Miller

Peak Performers

Sermon

Play Nicely

The Rev. Dr. Kikanza Nuri-Robins

Practice of Generosity

The Living Tradition Fund

The Rev. Dr. Richard Nugent

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Make the check out to MPUUC with 'Living Tradition Fund' in memo line

Music

Get Together
The Youngbloods

Peak Rocks

The Act of Installation

Allysson McDonald and DeAnna Alm

Representatives of the Board:

In this historic covenantal tradition, we come together with free minds and open hearts to commit ourselves to shared ministry. In so doing, we partner ordained and lay, professional and volunteer, experience and innovation - all toward the aim that Love and Justice shall be served.

Will the Members of the Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation please raise your right hand (as you are able) and give voice to the covenant which welcomes you into this shared ministry.

Rev. Greg

I promise, as minister, to see you, listen to you, care for and about you; to tell you the truth, encourage you when you are challenged, comfort you when you are hurt, nurture the best in you, and share with you the great truths as best as I have come to know them.

Members of Mission Peak, Children and Youth:

We, as members, commit ourselves to respecting and caring for you as our minister. We acknowledge the many responsibilities of ministry as well as the power we delegate for you to carry them out. We promise to listen, show up and share our truths such that the wellbeing of everyone in this community is served.

Rev. Greg

Knowing religious authority is not something Unitarian Universalism bestows recklessly, I recognize that I earn your trust in every decision I make and every action I take.

Members of Mission Peak, Children and Youth:

We trust you with our name, our time, our resources and our future. Our trust will be revealed in our showing up and participating fully in this shared ministry.

Representatives of the Board:

Will all religious professionals in the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association please join the members of this congregation in raising your right hand and giving voice to the covenant which welcomes you in this shared ministry?

Rev. Greg

In the hope that the trust between us remains strong and true, I call my Ministerial colleagues into this covenant that I may be held to the high standards of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association and the Ethical Standards, Expectations of Conduct and Accountability Procedures that emphasize fair process and prioritizes the safety of those in my care.

MPUUC Members, Children and Youth and UU Religious Professionals

We have all known the pain of relationships that have suffered from lack of clear and accountable commitments to moral and ethical safety. We join with the lay and professional leaders among us to complete this circle of trust establishing care and safety as paramount to the success of our shared ministry.

Rev. Greg Ward

I especially commit myself to the care and partnership with those marginalized identities within and throughout this shared ministry. I commit my ministry to be one of liberating myself from unconscious bias and liberating others from outward and systemic oppression.

MPUUC Members, Children and Youth and UU Religious Professionals

Across the spectrum from dominant to marginalized identities, we commit to liberating ourselves from unconscious bias, liberating others from outward oppression and continually steering our shared ministry toward the collective liberation of the Beloved Community.

Representatives of the Board:

Will the family and friends outside of Unitarian Universalism who pledge yourselves to hold Rev. Greg in your circle of care, please join this congregation and these Religious Professionals in raising your right hand (as you are able) and giving voice to the covenant which welcomes you in this shared ministry?

Rev. Greg Ward

This Covenant of Installation I enter into with MPUUC, like the Covenant of Ordination which called me to ministry, like the Covenant I hold with the UU Ministers Association that holds me accountable to right relationship with all those I serve - these can only be as strong as is my covenant of marriage with Lucy and my covenant with my understanding of the Sacred.

Rev. Greg's Family and Friends

We who love you acknowledge that finding balance in your duties to care for Mission Peak, to care for your family and friends, and to care for yourself will not be easy - and yet it is vital for your well-being and ours. We encourage you to make the best choices you can, ask for help as needed and we support you in achieving a sustainable, nurturing balance.

UU Religious Professionals and MPUUC Members, Children and Youth:

We who enter into this covenant with you today, recognize the reasonable limits of both your - and our - service. Knowing the work of Building the Beloved Community is never-ending, we pledge ourselves to ensuring on-going mutual respect by ensuring that our commitment mirrors your own and both reflect a healthy, sustainable and shared ministry.

Much Celebration and Dancing by All Involved.

Charge to the Minister

The Rev. Dr. Rebekah Savage

Charge to the Congregation

Alex Jensen

Music

67 "We Sing Now Together" Shauna Pickett-Gordon and Peak Performers
Words: Edwin Buehrer; Music: Adrianus Valerius

Extinguishing the Chalice

#456

Mark Rahman

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

The Rev. Greg Ward

Postlude

I'll Fly Away
Albert E. Brumley

Peak Rocks

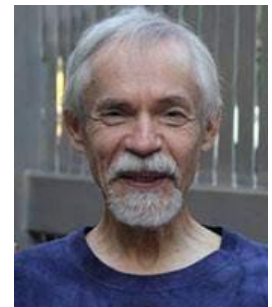
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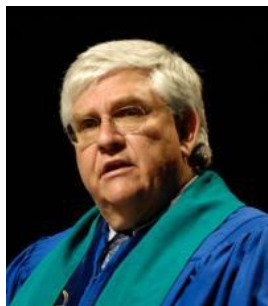
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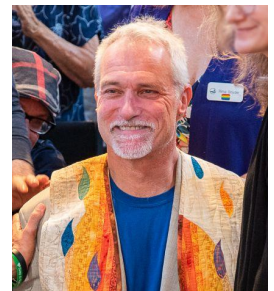
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