

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



## Courageous Conversations and the Spiritual Art of Reconciliation

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward  
Worship Associate: Paul K. Davis

Worship Host: Graham Bell  
Music: Jay Steele

Sunday, August 29, 2021 10:00 AM  
Service theme for the month: Reconciliation

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](mailto: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, August 29, 2021 10-11:15 a.m.

## Centering Thoughts

*In the end, reconciliation is a spiritual process, which requires more than just a legal framework. It has to happen in the hearts and minds of people.*  
- Nelson Mandela

*I remain convinced that most human conflicts can be solved through genuine dialogue conducted with a spirit of openness and reconciliation.*  
- Dalai Lama

*Forgiving and being reconciled to our enemies or our loved ones are not about pretending that things are other than they are. It is not about patting one another on the back and turning a blind eye to the wrong. True reconciliation exposes the awfulness, the abuse, the hurt, the truth. It could even sometimes make things worse. It is a risky undertaking but in the end it is worthwhile, because in the end only an honest confrontation with reality can bring real healing. Superficial reconciliation can bring only superficial healing.*  
- Desmond Tutu

*Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.* - Winston Churchill

## Prelude

**Bell** Rev. Greg Ward

**Call To Worship** Paul K. Davis

**Welcome** Melissa Holmes

**Welcome Song** Jay Steele  
Hymn #1023 Building Bridges  
Music: Traditional Quaker tune;  
Words: The Women of Greenham Common Peace Occupation in England

**Unison Chalice Lighting** Paul K. Davis

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  
The Year Everything Changes - On Being 12  
A Film by Schoolbook (WNYC)

**Practice of Generosity (Offering)** Paul K. Davis

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associates, and other service participants to be unmasked while speaking if they voluntarily disclose they are vaccinated and are 10ft apart from others who are not fully vaccinated.

The board Safety Policy on how we allow services in Cole Hall is in the “[About->Congregational Documents](#)” section of the mpuuc.org web site. If you wonder how we are trying to keep us all safe as we gather together again, please read it. We expect to continue to monitor what is safe and make changes as needed.

We also have other board policies related to Covid-19 in section 18 of the board policies document, which is also in the “[About->Congregational Documents](#)” section of the website. The [outdoor event guidelines in section 18.2](#) will control how we would be able to have food or drinks outside after the service, or for special events. Contact Steve Wallcave with any questions about either safety policy.

**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](mailto:com_minister@mpuuc.org), or call 510-796-5722.