

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



The God of Our Misunderstandings

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Worship Associate: Rev. Barbara Meyers

Worship Host: Erik Alm
Music: Knuti VanHoven, Jo Ann Schriener

Sunday, August 22, 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. 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 22, 2021 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

“Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate.”
— Albert Schweitzer

“The overall purpose of human communication is – or should be – reconciliation. It should ultimately serve to lower or remove the walls of misunderstanding which unduly separate us human beings, one from another.” — M. Scott Peck

“When nails grow long, we cut nails not fingers. Similarly when misunderstanding grows up, cut your ego, not your relationship.”
— Unknown

“Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will.”
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Rev. Barbara Meyers

Welcome Annette Briengan

Welcome Song #188 Come, Come Whoever You Are Knuti VanHoven, Jo Ann Schrinier
Music: Lynn Ungar; Words: Rumi

Unison Chalice Lighting Rev. Barbara Meyers

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 Adapted from ‘The Zax’ Rev. Greg Ward
Dr. Suess

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Rev. Barbara Meyers

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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 Chopin Prelude Op 28 No 15 "Raindrop"

Jo Ann Schriener, Piano

Reading of Shared Joys & Concerns –

Reading

Reading Title
Reading Author

Rev. Greg Ward

Music

Get Together
Chet Powers

Knuti VanHoven, Jo Ann Schriener

Message

God of Our Misunderstandings

Rev. Greg Ward

Going Deeper

Closing Hymn

#318 We Would Be One
Music: Jean Sibelius; Words: Samuel Anthony Wright

Knuti VanHoven, Jo Ann Schriener

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: August 29, 2021 – "Courageous Conversations and the Spiritual Art of Reconciliation"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Paul K. Davis. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Jay Steele will provide our music.

He had bumped up against it his whole life: condemnation, derision, contempt, exclusion... But he could never wrap his head around it. He couldn't understand it. 'How can they hate me, if they don't even know me?' he asked. This simple question propelled him. It transformed his anger to energy, his fear to curiosity, his despondency to courage to confront his oppressors. This service is about one man's story of learning how to challenge 'haters' without ingesting hate. It is about taking the prejudice that builds walls and using it as energy to build reconciliation instead.

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

Announcements:

Attendees should be masked inside and outside of Cole Hall during the service. Because it is becoming apparent that vaccinated people can still spread the disease to others, we strongly encourage those in contact with children, and unvaccinated or immunocompromised adults to attend services outside or via Zoom. We allow worship leaders, 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, or call 510-796-5722.