

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Will Violence and Terrorism Ever End and Allow Our Goodness to Prevail? A Minister Takes Odds at Six to One

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Worship Associate: Mark Rahman

Worship Host: Erik Alm
Music: Jay and Jessica Steele

Sunday, September 12, 2021 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Reflection

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, September 12, 2021 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate."

—Sandy Dahl, wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl

"My older brother John lived [his life] in Technicolor. ... When he walked in the door, the whole house lit up. And I'm sure heaven lit up when he got there too."

—Anthoula Katsimatides at the World Trade Center site in 2005

"What separates us from the animals, what separates us from the chaos, is our ability to mourn people we've never met."

—Author David Levithan

"When Americans lend a hand to one another, nothing is impossible. We're not about what happened on 9/11. We're about what happened on 9/12."

— Jeff Parness

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Mark Rahman

Welcome Annette Breingan

Welcome Song #134 Our World Is One World Jessica and Jay Steele

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.

Time for all Ages 14 Cows for America
Carmen Agra Deedy Jennifer Scott

Share the Plate Fremont Afghan Help Fund Suzanne Shenfil
Fremont Director of Human Services

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Mark Rahman

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P.O. Box 545 Fremont, CA 94537-0545
(If you use Bill Pay with your bank, you could use them to mail the check) If you are making a pledge, please indicate "pledge" on the memo line.
- Drop envelope with check (with "ARFH" on the memo line) or cash (with a note stating for "ARFH") 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. Choose "Special"

as the donation type. Please state for "ARFH" in the message
Note we use PayPal for this and they charge us around 3%.

Joys and Concerns

Introduction – Rev. Greg Ward

Song of Reflection

I Won't Back Down
Tom Petty and Jeff Lynn

Jessica and Jay Steele

Reading of Shared Joys & Concerns – Rev. Greg Ward

Reading

Rev. Greg Ward

Music

Anthem
Benny Anderson, Tim Rice and Bjorn Ulvaeus

Jessica and Jay Steele

Message

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Going Deeper

Closing Hymn

#315 This Old World

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

Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: September 19 – "Water Communion"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Shawn Snavley. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Peak Rocks will provide our music.

This morning we will reflect on the role of water in our lives. We will explore how it is that the indispensable source and byproduct of life-giving processes is in such a precarious shortage. We will look at how water wields power and influence, as well as how it reveals graft and greed and moral corruption. We will consider how, historically, it has served as a barrier between nations and cultures. And we'll explore how, in the future, it can serve as a bridge.

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

Announcements:

Safety for those attending service in Cole Hall

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.