

## WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



### Water Communion

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward  
Worship Associate: Shawn Snavley

Worship Host: Graham Bell  
Music: Peak Rocks

Sunday, September 19, 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](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, September 19, 2021 10-11:15 a.m.

## Centering Thought

*"If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water." — Loren Eiseley*

*"Water is the driving force of all nature." — Leonardo da Vinci*

*"Nothing is softer or more flexible than water, yet nothing can resist it." — Lao Tzu*

*"We forget that the water cycle and the life cycle are one." — Jacques Yves Cousteau*

*"In one drop of water are found all the secrets of all the oceans." — Kahlil Gibran*

*"The cure for anything is salt water: sweat, tears or the sea." — Isak Dinesen*

*"Thousands have lived without love, not one without water." — W. H. Auden*

## Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

## Reflections on Water - Part I

Welcome Allysson McDonald

Welcoming Hymn Peak Rocks  
"Drink Up the River" Lead vocals: Paul  
Kathy Mar (Dave Clement)

Unison Chalice Lighting Shawn Snavley

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 Water - Part II

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Shawn Snavley

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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 When the Levee Breaks Peak Rocks

Reading of Shared Joys & Concerns – Rev. Greg Ward

**Reflections on Water - Part III**

**Anthem**

"Told My Troubles to the Water"  
Tom McRae

Peak Rocks  
Lead vocals: David Lefkort

**Reflections on Water - Part IV**

**Water Communion**

Rev. Greg Ward  
Shawn Snavley  
David Gibbons

**Closing Hymn**

Blue Boat Home  
Peter Meyer

Peak Rocks  
Lead Vocals: Mark Kahn

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

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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.

Shawn Snavley

**Benediction**

Rev. Greg Ward

**Next Week's Service: September 26 – "How We Can All Help Keep it 100"**

Rev. Xolani 'xk' Kacela will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Kathi Bayne. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Knuti VanHoven and Jo Ann Schriener will provide our music.

Rev. Dr. Xolani Kacela is committed to honoring truth. One of the truths he knows, deeply, is what it means to serve. He has served in the U.S. military as a chaplain, served on the Ministerial Fellowship Committee with Rev. Greg, our UUA Nominating Committee and on our Commission on Appraisal. He is currently serving as minister of our Las Cruces, NM congregation. The other truth that he knows deeply, is the experience of being black in America - as well as being Black in Unitarian Universalism. He has recently completed two books: 'The Black UU Survival Guide' and 'Jumpstart Your Allyship.'

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 (strings, horns, drums), vocals

Stephen Longfield – Bass guitar, ukulele (on "Took My Troubles..."), electronic drums & other synthesized orchestration, master sound engineer

David Lefkort – Vocals, harmonica, hand drums, any percussion other than a drum kit (& occasional trombone)

Paul Kwinn, acoustic guitar, vocals

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