

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Mystery Pageant Theater 2021 A pandemic odyssey

Worship Leader: MPUUC children and Youth
Worship Associate: Shawn Snavley

Worship Host: Steve Wallcave
Music: Peak Performers

Sunday, December 5, 2021 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Wonder

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, December 5, 2021 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

“Pretty much all the honest truth telling there is in the world is done by children.”
- Oliver Wendell Holmes

Prelude

Bell MPUUC Youth

Call To Worship Shawn Snavley

Welcome Allysson McDonald

Welcome Song 188 Come, Come Whoever You Are Orange Coast UU Church

Unison Chalice Lighting MPUUC Youth

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 The Sheep Alexa Sarten

Guest at Your Table Partner Axel Fuentes Valerie Stewart

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Shawn Snavley

Please donate generously if you are able, in one of these ways:

- 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 Invitation Shawn Snavley

Song of Reflection You'll Never Walk Alone Jo Ann Schriener
Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II

Shared Joys & Concerns Shawn Snavley

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| Pageants of Days Past Part I | | MPUUC Youth |
| Anthem | Come Sing a Song with Me | |
| Pageants of Days Past Part II | | MPUUC Youth |
| Closing Hymn | Blue Boat Home | Peak Rocks |
| Extinguishing the Chalice | #456 | MPUUC Youth |
| | 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 | | Shawn Snavley |

Next Week's Service: December 12 – "Miracles Amidst Mayhem"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Calista Ames. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Jay and Jessica Steele will provide our music.

Miracles are not necessarily the currency of Unitarian Universalists. We deal more in discussion groups, spreadsheets and a stack of assorted policies. When it comes to those things, we have it all over Evangelicals and Catholics. But when it comes to miracles we're in last place in the religious pantheon. Which is too bad.

Because we could use a miracle or two when it comes to some of the areas where we're trying to make a difference: holding our elected leaders accountable, racial equity and justice, helping the hungry, unhoused and the poor. Our efforts in these arenas seem less successful lately. Maybe the real miracle comes in continuing to believe our efforts will prevail.

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.

Holiday Potluck - December 11 @ 6:00 pm

We will be having an in person Holiday Potluck on Saturday, December 11 @ 6:00 p.m. Please join us in person at Cole Hall if you feel comfortable doing so. Proof of vaccination for those 12 years old and over will be required to take off mask, in order to eat indoors. Weather permitting we will have tables set up inside and outside on the patio. Please bring a dish to share and dress warmly. Beverages will be provided. Please feel free to bring a favorite game to share. We will also be decorating gingerbread houses.

For those of you who are not comfortable or able to meet in person we will set up a Zoom meeting for the same time – Saturday, December 11 @ 6:00 p.m. and you can log in and have your dinner and visit online. If someone would like to volunteer to be the Zoom Host for the online ‘potluck’, please let Jen King know.

HELP! Winter Donations for Abode Services

We will be collecting donations for Abode Services between now and Sunday, December 21. Abode is very much in need of the items listed below. Please drop off your donations in the collection box at Cole Hall or at Jen King’s home. Another option is to give a monetary donation to Jen King and she will purchase items to give to Abode. Please be as generous as possible. Please NO used items.

Items Requested by Abode:

- Men’s Underwear - brief or boxers (size Med - 3XL)
- Women’s underwear (size Med – XXL)
- T-Shirts/Undershirts (size Large - 3XL)
- Men’s & Women’s Pajamas
- Men’s & Women’s Bath Robes
- Bath Towels
- Wash Clothes
- Twin & Full Size Blankets