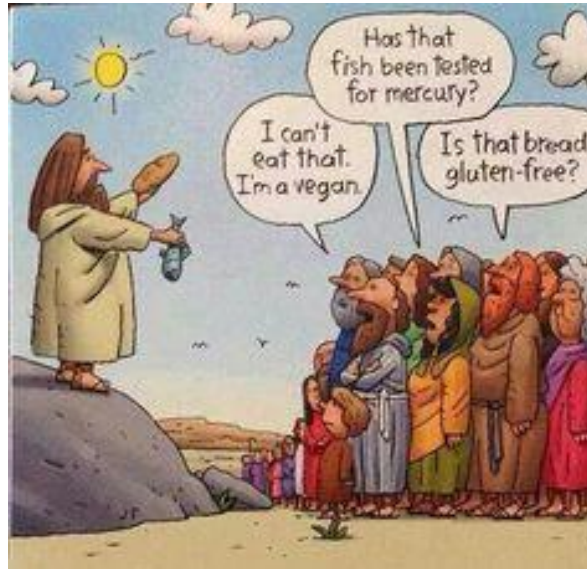


WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Miracles Amidst Mayhem

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Worship Associate: Calista Ames

Worship Host: Graham Bell
Music: Jay and Jessica Steele

Sunday, December 12, 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 12, 2021 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle. – Albert Einstein

Create your own miracles. Do what you think you cannot do. – Roy T. Bennett

Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see. – C.S. Lewis

Miracles are proud creatures; they will not reveal themselves to those who do not believe. – Yahia Lababidi

The dream was always running ahead of me. To catch up, to live a moment in unison with it, that was the miracle.

– Anais Nin

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Calista Ames

Welcome Jen King

Welcome Song #6 Just as Long as I Have Breath Jay and Jessica Steele
Alicia S. Carpenter

Unison Chalice Lighting Calista Ames

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 Real Miracles Rev. Greg Ward

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Calista Ames

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 Rev. Greg Ward

Song of Reflection	Elan Tuomas Holopainen	Jay and Jessica Steele
Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Greg Ward
Reflection		Rev. Greg Ward
Anthem	Try to Remember The Fantasticks	Peak Performers
Message	Miracles Amidst Mayhem	Rev. Greg Ward
Going Deeper		
Closing Hymn	1053 How Could Anyone Libby Roderick	Jay and Jessica Steele
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.	Calista Ames
Benediction		Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: December 19 – "A Star is Born"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Mark Rahman. Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Peak Rocks will provide our music.

Nearly 15 years ago, Rev. Michael Dowd (who spoke to us in the spring) and others started introducing concepts such as 'Big Time'. They wrestled away from us a very rigid relationship between time and history (that placed human beings at the center) and replaced it with a cosmology that is much bigger than us. What if we were to explore our past - and our future - through such a cosmic timeline? Would we still find light in the time of darkness? Birth in an unexpected place?

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.

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