

## WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



### A Star is Born

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

**Worship Host:** Erik Alm  
**Music:** Peak Rocks

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

## Centering Thought

*“Darwin and his successors taught us how our biosphere evolved, and thereby transformed our conception of humanity's place in nature. In the twenty-first century, space scientists are setting Darwin in a grander cosmic context - probing the origins of Earth, stars, atoms and the universe itself.” - Martin Rees*

*“The big bang theory requires a recent origin of the Universe that openly invites the concept of creation.” - Fred Hoyle*

*“I don't know if it's good or bad that a Google search on "Big Bang Theory" lists the sitcom before the origin of the Universe.” - Neil deGrasse Tyson*

*“There's an element to songwriting that I can't explain, that comes from somewhere else. I can't explain that dividing line between nothing and something that happens within a song, where you have absolutely nothing, and then suddenly you have something. It's like the origin of the universe. “ - Nick Cave*

*“If you wish to make an apple pie from scratch, you must first invent the universe” - Carl Sagen*

## Prelude

**Bell** Rev. Greg Ward

**Call To Worship** Mark Rahman

**Welcome** DeAnna Alm

**Welcome Song** The Christians and the Pagans Peak Rocks  
Dar Williams Paul Kwinn, Lead Vocal

**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** Startull Rev. Greg Ward  
Connie Barlow

**Guest at Your Table Partner** Myra Dahgaypaw Rev. Greg Ward

**Practice of Generosity (Offering)** Mark Rahman

**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**

On the Turning Away  
David Gilmore

Peak Rocks  
Mark Kahn, Lead Vocal

**Shared Joys & Concerns**

Rev. Greg Ward

**Reflection**

Rev. Greg Ward

**Anthem**

The Galaxy Song  
John Du Prez, Eric Idle, Trevor Jones (Monty Python)

Peak Rocks  
Paul Kwinn, Lead Vocal

**Message**

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**Going Deeper**

**Closing Hymn**

The Times They Are a Changin'  
Bob Dylan

Peak Rocks  
David Lefkort, Lead Vocal

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

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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: December 24– "Christmas Eve Service  
The Journey to Bethlehem - a Modern Story"**

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Beth Schaefer. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Multiple performers will provide our music.

This Christmas Eve service will explore the journey to Bethlehem from a surprisingly unconventional lens: what would the nativity story look like if it happened today. Who would play the various roles? Which part would the shepherd play? Who would be the Wise ones? Who are Mary and Joseph today? And what will the Angel proclaim about the child?

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

**Next Week's Service: December 26 – "Learning from the Magi"**

Paul K. Davis will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Jo Ann Schriener will provide our music.

(Using the visit of the magi to advocate that religious traditions should accept input from other traditions, leading to a review of the six broad sources from which Unitarian Universalists look for guidance and inspiration.)

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**Peak Rocks is:**

**Jeff Bohnhoff** - Electric guitar, electronic drums & other synthesized orchestration (strings, horns, drums), master sound engineer

**Mark Kahn** - Piano, keyboards/organ, vocals, synthesizer & other synthesized orchestration (strings, horns, drums), master sound engineer

**Stephen Longfield** - Bass guitar, ukulele, electronic drums & other synthesized orchestration (guitar, piano, strings, horns, drums), master sound engineer

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

**Paul Kwinn** - Acoustic guitar, vocals

**Beckett Gladney** - Harmonica

**Taunya Gren** - 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.