

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



“Then the three wise men came to baby-sit Jesus so Mary and Joseph could finish Christmas shopping.”

Learning from the Magi

Worship Leader: Paul K. Davis
Worship Associate: Rev. Barbara F. Meyers

Worship Host: Graham Bell
Music: Jo Ann Schriener with Peak Performers and
Center Stage Singers

Sunday, December 26, 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 26, 2021 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

*“Let us learn the revelation of all nature and thought; that the Highest dwells within us,
that the sources of nature are in our own minds.”*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Prelude

Bell Paul K. Davis

Call To Worship Rev. Barbara F. Meyers

Welcome Eric Ryan

Welcome Song *All Around the Child* Sharon Davis & Jo Ann Schriener
Words and music by Jim Scott

Unison Chalice Lighting Rev. Barbara F. Meyers

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 *Walking with the Wind* Rev. Karen Johnston
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Reading From second chapter of Gospel called Matthew Paul K. Davis

Pulpitorial Guest at Your Table Valerie Stewart

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Rev. Barbara F. Meyers

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. Barbara F. Meyers

Song of Reflection	<i>I Wonder as I Wander</i> Appalachian (collected by John Jacob Niles)	Peggy Rahman
Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Barbara F. Meyers
Anthem	<i>Good King Wenceslas</i> Words by John Mason Neale, Melody from 13th Century Tradition	Paul K. Davis & Karthik Raman
Message	Learning from the Magi	Paul K. Davis
Hymn	<i>We Three Kings</i> By John Henry Hopkins Jr.	Peak Performers

Testimonials on Our Six Sources

- I - Mystery and Wonder - Rev. Barbara F. Meyers
- II - Prophets of Justice, Compassion & Love - Kathi Bayne
- III - World Religions - Venkat Raman (Hinduism)
- IV - Judaism & Christianity - David Lefkort (Judaism)
- V - Humanism - Paul K. Davis
- VI - Earth-centered Traditions - Shauna Pickett-Gordon

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.	Rev. Barbara F. Meyers
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Benediction		Paul K. Davis
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Next Week's Service: January 2 – "The Truth, Beauty and Blessings of Neurodivergence"

Joshua Schwartz, MSW will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Greg Ward. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Peak Performers will provide our music.

What is important to understand about truth? Beauty? Justice? Equality? Diversity? Liberation? And what if we were to hear about such concepts from someone who sees and experiences life from a neurodivergent perspective? Could we really count on recognizing truth, beauty, justice, equality, diversity and liberation if we didn't seek out and embrace such a perspective?

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.