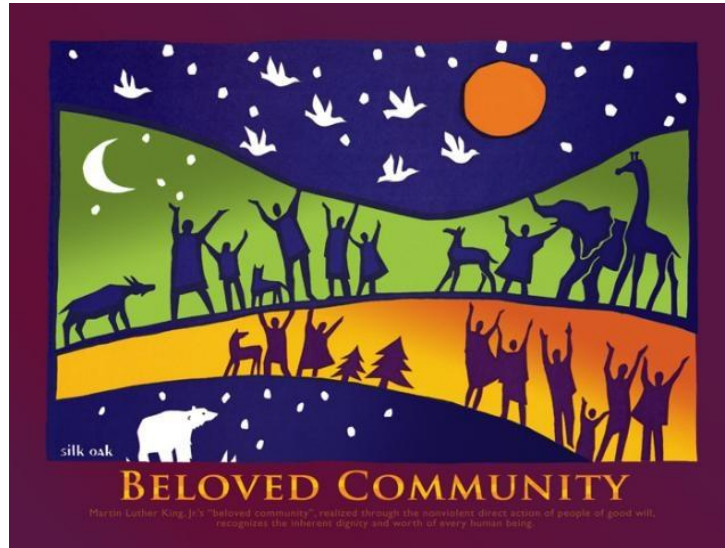


## WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



### The Path Toward Building Beloved Community

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward  
Worship Associate: Michelle Wallace

Worship Host: Graham Bell  
Music: Peak Performers

Sunday, January 16, 2022 10:00 AM  
Service theme for the month: Living with Intention

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, January 16, 2022 10-11:15 a.m.

## Centering Thought

*If we want a beloved community, we must stand for justice, have recognition for difference without attaching privilege to difference. — bell hooks*

*We are living in an historic moment. We are each called to take part in a great transformation. Our survival as a species is threatened by global warming, economic meltdown, and an ever-increasing gap between rich and poor. Yet these threats offer an opportunity to awaken as an interconnected and beloved community. — Desmond Tutu*

*You are a light... Release the need to hate, to harbor division, and the enticement of revenge. Release all bitterness. Hold only love, only peace in your heart, knowing that the battle of good to overcome evil is already won... And if you follow your truth down the road to peace and the affirmation of love, if you shine like a beacon for all to see, then the poetry of all the great dreamers and philosophers is yours to manifest in a nation, a world community, and a Beloved Community that is finally at peace with itself. — John Lewis*

*Love is creative and redemptive. Love builds up and unites; hate tears down and destroys. The aftermath of the 'fight with fire' method ... is bitterness and chaos, the aftermath of the love method is reconciliation and creation of the beloved community.... Yes, love — which means understanding, creative, redemptive goodwill, even for one's enemies — is the solution. — Martin Luther King Jr.*

## Prelude

**Bell** Rev. Greg Ward

**Call To Worship** Michelle Wallace

**Welcome** Melissa Holmes

**Welcome Song** #348 Guide My Feet  
Trad. Spiritual; Arr. by Bekah Troxler D'Hand Peak Performers

**Unison Chalice Lighting** Michelle Wallace

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** Martin Luther King, Jr. - An Inspirational Song and Rap Numberock

**Practice of Generosity (Offering)** Michelle Wallace  
**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**

Pride (In the Name of Love)  
U2

Peak Rocks (David Lefkort, lead vocals)

**Shared Joys & Concerns**

Rev. Greg Ward

**Reading**

Title  
Author

Rev. Greg Ward

**Anthem**

Ella's Song  
Bernice Johnson Reagon

Peak Performers  
Michelle Wallace and Bekah Troxler D'Hand,  
lead vocals

**Message**

The Path Toward Building Beloved Community

Rev. Greg Ward

**Going Deeper**

**Closing Hymn**

# 121 We'll Build a Land  
Music: Carolyn McDade; Words: Barbara Zanotti

Peak Performers

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

#456

Michelle Wallace

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: January 23 – "Why an 8th Principle?"**

Paula Cole Jones and the UU Congregations of MPUUC, Davis and Petaluma will lead the service along with Rev. Barbara Meyers and Kathi Bayne. Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Jo Ann Schriener and Knuti VanHoven will provide our music.

For as long as the U.S. has existed, two things have been true: (1) Unitarians have exerted a religious influence; and (2) people of color have been exploited, enslaved and treated as expendable. There has not been a time where Unitarians have been silent on the issue. Addressing racism has always been an issue we've identified as a goal. But it has never risen to be a core purpose - and principle - of our existence. As we approach our 200 year anniversary in this country, are we ready to name ending systemic racism as a core principle?

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

Because of the large surge from Omicron, attending in-person services at Cole Hall is an inherently risky activity, both for the attendees and for the people they have contact with throughout the week. If you are OK with that risk we welcome you. We are blessed to be able to offer an excellent virtual worship experience, and encourage anyone concerned about COVID-19 risk to take advantage of that.

We provide three ways to attend the service — via Zoom, sitting inside Cole Hall, or sitting on the patio outside Cole Hall. Our worship leaders will either be inside Cole Hall or use Zoom to connect to the service in Cole Hall

Attendees should be masked inside and outside of Cole Hall during the service. **We encourage people to wear N95 (or equivalent) or surgical masks which are more effective than cloth masks. We encourage people to only come inside Cole Hall if recently vaccinated or boosted.** Because it is apparent that vaccinated people can still spread the disease to others, we strongly encourage those in contact with unvaccinated or immunocompromised people to attend services outside or via Zoom.

### Where to get Masks:

Cloth masks offer significantly less protection than surgical, N95, and KN95 masks. Now that these masks are widely available, the Covid-19 response team strongly recommends acquiring and using masks with higher levels of protection. Below are two sources of quality masks:


<https://bonafidemasks.com/powecom-kn95/> - KN95 has ear loops, from US distributor

<https://shop.projectn95.org/> - Many different choices of N95 and KN95 masks

We will have KN95 and N95 masks available to our members at Cole Hall on Sunday mornings.


Contact Steve Wallcave with any questions about our [Covid-19 safety policies](#).

**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.



*The 8<sup>th</sup> Principle* of UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

Sunday Service  
January 23rd  
10:30am  
by ZOOM  
with  
Paula Cole Jones,  
an originator of the  
8th Principle



To enter this worship, go to:  
<https://mpuuc.org>

POST-SERVICE  
opportunity:

Save the date  
for a  
workshop on  
the 8th  
principle from  
1-4pm

A collaborative worship  
service sponsored by:

Mission Peak Unitarian  
Universalist Congregation,  
Unitarian Universalist  
Church of Davis,  
and the Unitarian  
Universalists of Petaluma