

## WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



### How the Dye is Caste

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward  
Worship Associate: Rev. Barbara Meyers

Worship Host: Graham Bell  
Music: Peak Performers

**Sunday, February 6, 2022 10:00 AM**  
**Service theme for the month: Widening the Circle**

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, February 6, 2022 10-11:15 a.m.

## Centering Thought

“Caste is insidious and therefore powerful because it is not hatred, it is not necessarily personal. It is the worn grooves of comforting routines and unthinking expectations, patterns of a social order that have been in place for so long that it looks like the natural order of things.”

— Isabel Wilkerson, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*

“The price of privilege is the moral duty to act when one sees another person treated unfairly. And the least that a person in the dominant caste can do is not make the pain any worse.”

— Isabel Wilkerson, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*

“We are responsible for our own ignorance or, with time and openhearted enlightenment, our own wisdom.”

— Isabel Wilkerson, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*

“So the real question would be, 'he said finally, 'if people were given the choice between democracy and whiteness, how many would choose whiteness?’

— Taylor Branch, as quoted by Isabel Wilkerson in *Caste*”

## Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Rev. Barbara Meyers

Welcome Annette Breingan

Welcome Song Peak Performers  
#113 Where Is Our Holy Church  
Edwin Henry Wilson

Unison Chalice Lighting Rev. Barbara 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 The Caste System in India  
Kids History

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Rev. Barbara Meyers

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- Mail check to Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
P.O. Box 545 Fremont, CA 94537-0545

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- 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**

Children Will Listen

Peak Performers

from *Into the Woods* words & music by Stephen Sondheim, arr. Mark Brymer

**Shared Joys & Concerns**

Rev. Greg Ward

**Reflection**

Rev. Greg Ward

**Anthem**

God Help the Outcasts  
Words, Stephen Schwartz; Music, Alan Menken

Knuti VanHoven and Jo Ann Schriener

**Message**

How the Dye is Caste

Rev. Greg Ward

**Going Deeper**

**Closing Hymn**

#119 Once to Every Soul and Nation  
Words, James Russell Lowell; Music, Mark Thomas Williams

Peak Performers

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

#456

Rev. Barbara Meyers

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: February 13 – "What Makes a Love Hero Do What They Do? "**

Every idea that offers hope to the hurting, requires courage. It takes courage to think out of the box - courage to go beyond the problem and all the reasons it got to be this way... courage to see those in pain... courage to get proximate, accept them and understand how to connect those needs to promises of it being different. At the root of courage is the french word cour, meaning 'heart.' In this service we will explore the role of Love in the work of heroes.

Rev. Greg Ward and Shawn Snavley will lead the service with this year's Love Hero. Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Jay and Jessica Steele will provide our music.

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-kg95/> - 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.