

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



The Interdependent Web of Which We're A Part

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Worship Associate: Paul K. Davis

Worship Host: Graham Bell
Music: Knuti VanHoven, Jo Ann Schriener, Shauna Pickett-Gordon, Peak Performers, Peak Rocks

Sunday, April 24, 2022 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Awakening

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, April 24, 2022 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"We assume that everything's becoming more efficient, and in an immediate sense that's true; our lives are better in many ways. But that improvement has been gained through a massively inefficient use of natural resources."
Paul Hawken

"For way too long, the politicians and the people in power have gotten away with not doing anything to fight the climate crisis, but we will make sure that they will not get away with it any longer. We are striking because we have done our homework and they have not."
Greta Thunberg

"Saving our planet, lifting people out of poverty, advancing economic growth... these are one and the same fight. We must connect the dots between climate change, water scarcity, energy shortages, global health, food security and women's empowerment. Solutions to one problem must be solutions for all." Ban Ki-moon

"We are the first generation to feel the effect of climate change and the last generation who can do something about it."
Barack Obama

"What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make"
Jane Goodall

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Paul K. Davis

Welcome Melissa Holmes

Welcome Song Peak Performers
#163 For the Earth Forever Turning
Kim Oler

Unison Chalice Lighting Paul K. Davis

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 Prince Ea
Will This Be Humanity's Fate?

Share the Plate Elaine from L.E.A.F

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To contribute to L.E.A.F. (Local Ecology & Agriculture Fremont)

- Make check payable to Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation (put 'LEAF' in the memo line)
- Drop your check in the basket; or Mail to P.O. Box 545 Fremont, CA 94537-0545

- Pay on line at <https://mpuuc.org/contact-us/donate/> with credit or debit card. Choose “Special” as the donation type. Please put “LEAF” in the message.
Note we use PayPal for this and they charge us around 3%.

Joys and Concerns Invitation

Rev. Greg Ward

Song of Reflection

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky
Ralph Vaughn Williams

Shauna Pickett-Gordon

Shared Joys & Concerns

Rev. Greg Ward

Reading

3 Seconds and Counting

Prince Ea

Anthem

Colors of the Wind
Stephen Schwartz and Alan Menken

Knuti VanHoven and Jo Ann Schriener

Message

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Going Deeper

Closing Hymn

#1064 Blue Boat Home
Peter Mayer

Peak Rocks

Extinguishing the Chalice

#456

Paul K. Davis

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: May 1 – “Peace Be With You - Core Teachings of Islam and Learnings from Ramadan”

Graham Bell and Allysson McDonald will lead the service. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Peak Performers will provide our music.

Eid Mubarak - Reflections on Islam and Ramadan

Eid al-Fitr begins tonight - the religious holiday marking the end of the fast of Ramadan. Ramadan is a month of fasting and of prayer, reflection and community, and is one of the Five Pillars of Islam. It is the commemoration of Muhammad's first revelation of the Quran. Many of us have little experience with fasting, but member Graham Bell often tries a modified fast during Ramadan. His teacher, Bawa Muhaiyaddeen, a Tamil-speaking Sufi mystic from Sri Lanka, considered fasting an opportunity to take on our inner “demons” or “bad qualities” (such as pride, greed, anger, and impatience) and to surrender instead to that which is greater than the self, to reflect on unity, and to find compassion for others. For many Muslims Ramadan is a time of putting others first and making donations to charity. Our service today will be lead by Allysson McDonald and Graham Bell as he reflects on what he has learned from his experiences of fasting for Ramadan, and about the meanings of some Arabic words that provide insight into the true meaning of Islam. Salaam alaikum!

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. We encourage people to wear N95 (or equivalent) which are more effective than cloth or surgical masks. We have such masks available in Cole Hall on Sunday mornings. We encourage people to only come inside Cole Hall if fully vaccinated and boosted. Because 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.

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.