

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Peace Be With You - Reflections on Islam and Ramadan

Worship Leaders: Graham Bell and Allysson McDonald
Pulpitorial: Terri King

Worship Host: Steve Wallcave
Music: Peak Performers

Sunday, May 1, 2022 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: **Awe**

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, May 1, 2022 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

“The real [Ramadan] fast is the blossoming of the inner heart. Fragrance must emanate. The qualities, conduct, behavior, and disposition that accompany this blossoming make no sound. Light and fragrance must dawn in the inner heart. The one point which is God must resplend. Do fast, but make sure the heart blossoms; make it fragrant. The flowering scent must emanate, and when that space is perceived, the One who inhales that perfume will come. The One who perceives that fragrance will come. He is the Lord.”

- M. R. Bawa Muhaiyaddeen

Prelude

Bell Allysson McDonald

Call To Worship # 609 To Serve the People
Saadi Graham Bell

Welcome Allysson McDonald

Pulpitorial Terri King

Welcome Song # 188 Come, Come Whoever You Are (round)
Words adapted from Rumi, Music by Lynn Adair Ungar Peak Performers

Unison Chalice Lighting Graham Bell
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 Rashad’s Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr
Author: Lisa Bullard, Illustrator: Holli Conger Allysson McDonald

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Allysson McDonald

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- Mail check to Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
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- Drop envelope with check in Mission Peak UU mail slot addressed to:
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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		Allysson McDonald
Song of Reflection	#352 Find a Stillness	Peak Performers
	Words by Carl G. Seaburg, Music: Transylvanian hymn tune, with harmony by Larry Phillips	
Shared Joys & Concerns		Allysson McDonald
Anthem	I Dream a World	Peak Performers
	Words by Lanston Hughes, Music by Andre J. Thomas	
Message	Peace Be With You - Reflections on Islam and Ramadan	Graham Bell & Allysson McDonald
Going Deeper		
Closing Hymn	#180 Alhamdulillah (round)	Peak Performers
	Words and Music by William Allaudin Mathieu	
Extinguishing the Chalice	#456	Allysson McDonald
	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		Graham Bell

Next Week's Service: May 8 – "The Promise of Nurture and Protection"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate TBD. Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Jay and Jessica Steele will provide our music.

Unitarian Julia Ward Howe was one of the first people who conceived of a Mother's Day. But she did not envision what we currently have today - a Mother's Day celebrated as a sentimental and gift-giving day honoring mothers. Ward, was a 19th century social reformer (and author of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic,") who was distressed over 'sons killing the sons of other mothers' and called on women's groups to promote a universal peace. The holiday has strayed from its origins more than 140 years ago. In this service, we will explore the complicated messiness in a mother's hope for peace for her children.

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.