

## WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



### The Presence of a Protector, the Promise of Peace

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward  
Worship Associate: Don Ramie

Worship Host: Erik Alm  
Music: Jessica and Jay Steele

**Sunday, May 8, 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](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, May 8, 2022 10-11:15 a.m.

## Centering Thought

<i>"To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power."</i>	<i>Maya Angelou</i>
<i>"We are born of love; love is our mother."</i>	<i>Rumi</i>
<i>"Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children."</i>	<i>William Makepeace Thackeray</i>
<i>"Mother's love is peace. It need not be acquired, it need not be deserved."</i>	<i>Erich Fromm</i>
<i>"God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers."</i>	<i>Rudyard Kipling</i>
<i>"I am sure that if the mothers of various nations could meet, there would be no more wars."</i>	<i>E. M. Forster</i>

## Prelude

**Bell** Rev. Greg Ward

**Call To Worship** Don Ramie

**Welcome** DeAnna Alm

**Welcome Song** Open the Window Jessica and Jay Steele  
Elise Witt

**Unison Chalice Lighting** Don Ramie

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** Are You My Mother? Beverly Berwick  
P.D. Eastman

**Share the Plate** NAMI Alameda County Peggy Rahman

**Practice of Generosity (Offering)** Don Ramie

**Please donate generously if you are able, in one of these ways:**

- Mail check to Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation with NAMI in the memo line.  
P.O. Box 545 Fremont, CA 94537-0545  
(If you use Bill Pay with your bank, you could use them to mail the check) If you are making a pledge, please indicate "pledge" on the memo line.
- Drop envelope with check (with "NAMI" on the memo line) 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. Choose "Special" as the donation type. Please state for "NAMI" in the message.  
Note we use PayPal for this and they charge us around 3%.

<b>Joys and Concerns Invitation</b>		Don Ramie
<b>Song of Reflection</b>	You'll be in my Heart Phil Collins	Jessica and Jay Steele
<b>Shared Joys &amp; Concerns</b>		Rev. Greg Ward
<b>Reading</b>	Excerpts from Operating Instructions Anne Lamott	Rev. Greg Ward
<b>Anthem</b>	Battle Hymn of the Republic Henry Francis Lyte, Words; William Henry Monk, Music	Jessica and Jay Steele
<b>Message</b>	The Presence of a Protector, the Promise of Peace	Rev. Greg Ward
<b>Going Deeper</b>		
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	#101, Abide with Me	Jessica and Jay Steele
<b>Extinguishing the Chalice</b>	#456 EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE	Don Ramie
<b>Benediction</b>		Rev. Greg Ward

**Next Week's Service: May 15 – "When Angels Meet Giants"**

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate TBD. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Peak Rocks and Peak Performers will provide our music.

Baseball is full of heroes. The amazing catch. The game-changing home run. The play no one can never forget. And, of course, baseball is a game spotlighting the specific player who performs these unforgettable feats of grandeur. We all want such players on our team. Indeed, some say the game today is actually the game behind the game, played in the front office. It's about how teams lure heroes to play for them. But what if championships weren't really about signing giants of the game? But fielding the team that plays together with heart?

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](mailto:com_minister@mpuuc.org), or call 510-796-5722.