

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



The 8th Principle

**Worship Leader: Our MPUUC Anti-Racism / Anti-
Oppression Team**

Worship Host: Steve Wallcave

Worship Associate: Michelle Wallace

Music: Jo Ann Schriener and Knuti Van Hoven

Sunday, May 22, 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 22, 2022 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"You can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom." —
Malcolm X

"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." —Nelson Mandela

"No matter how big a nation is, it is no stronger than its weakest people, and as long as you keep a person down, some part of you has to be down there to hold him down, so it means you cannot soar as you might otherwise."

—Marian Anderson

"If you have come to help me you are wasting your time. But if you recognize that your liberation and mine are bound up together, we can walk together." —Lila Watson

"A man who stands for nothing will fall for anything." —Malcolm X

"Activism is my rent for living on the planet." —Alice Walker

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Michelle Wallace

Welcome Eric Ryan

Welcome Song Wade in the Water
African American Spiritual 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 Anti-Racist Baby
Ibram X. Kendi Kendrick Sampson

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 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: 3% surcharge).

Joys and Concerns Invitation

Rev. Greg Ward

Song of Reflection

We Shall Overcome
Charles Albert Tindley

Shauna Pickett-Gordon

Shared Joys & Concerns

Rev. Greg Ward

Homily

My Lifelong Struggle with Accountability

Rev. Greg Ward

Anthem

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Words, James Weldon Johnson; Music, J. Rosamond Johnson

Peak Performers

Homily

Learning About White Culture

Terri King

Homily

Working on Conflict Avoidance

Rev. Barbara Meyers

Homily

Self Justification and Other Closed Doors on the Path to Liberation

Kathi Bayne

Going Deeper

Closing Hymn

Put on Your Marching Shoes
Knuti VanHoven

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Extinguishing the Chalice

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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: May 29 – "We Need One Another"

Rev. Bonnie Dlott will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Mark Rahman. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Various Mission Peak artists will provide our music.

A favorite reading from our hymnal begins this way: "We need one another when we mourn and would be comforted." We all need comforting in these times, as we are barraged daily with news of pandemic deaths, climate catastrophe, systemic oppression, and war. How can we give shelter to each other in these times of fear, loss and grief? Can our Unitarian Universalist faith offer us comfort?

Go to <https://mpuuc.org/zoom/> for order of service and how to connect for all services

Announcements:

Congregational Conversation

This Sunday, after the worship service from our ARO team exploring what we've learned and how we've been changed by studying our history (both UU and U.S.), we invite anyone who is interested to come into a congregational conversation of deep listening to explore our upcoming vote on UU's 8th Principle. The conversation will be in [Rev. Greg's Zoom room](#) (which will be posted in the chat during the worship service). This is the motion that MPUUC will vote on at the congregational meeting:

We, the members of Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, make a spiritual and moral commitment to hold ourselves accountable to create a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by dismantling racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions. Thus, we endorse the 8th Principle Project's recommendation that the UUA amend article two of the UUA's bylaws to add an additional principle focusing on anti-racism and anti-oppression.

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.