

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Flower Communion

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward

Worship Host: Steve Wallcave

Music: Jay and Jessica Steele

Sunday, June 12, 2022 10:00 AM

Service theme for the month: **Blessing**

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, June 12, 2022 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"Flowers always make people better; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul." – Luther Burbank

"If we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly our whole life would change." – Buddha

"All the flowers of the tomorrows are in the seeds of today." – Indian Proverb

"Flowers don't worry about blooming. They just turn toward the light, open and they are beautiful." – Jim Carrey

"A flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms." – Zen Shin

"Every flower must grow through dirt." – Laurie Jean Sennott

"Like wildflowers, you must allow yourself to grow in all the places people thought you never would." – E.V.

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." – Audrey Hepburn

"Flowers grow back, even after they are stepped on. So will I." – Unknown

"Don't wait for someone to bring you flowers. Plant your own garden. Decorate your own soul." – Luther Burbank

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Homily 1 Showing Up and Planting the Seed Rev. Greg Ward

Unison Chalice Lighting Rev. Greg Ward

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.

Welcome Melissa Holmes

Welcome Song #78 Color and Fragrance Jessica and Jay Steele
Words and Music by Norbert F. Capek

Time for all Ages The Story of Flower Communion Foothills Unitarian Church
Fort Collins, CO

Homily 2 Tending the Garden Rev. Greg Ward

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Rev. Greg Ward

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- 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).

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| Joys and Concerns Invitation | | Rev. Greg Ward |
| Song of Reflection | Flower Kylie Minogue and Stephen Anderson | Jessica and Jay Steele |
| Shared Joys & Concerns | | Rev. Greg Ward |
| Homily 3 | Prayers: From Princeton to Prague to Dresden | Rev. Greg Ward |
| Anthem | Cherry Blossom Lana del Rey | Jessica and Jay Steele |
| Homily 4 | They Tried to Bury Us | Rev. Greg Ward |
| Extinguishing the Chalice | #456 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. | Rev. Greg Ward |
| Closing Hymn | #305 Des Colores Words: David Arkin; Music: trad. Spanish Folk Song | Jessica and Jay Steele |
| Benediction | | Rev. Greg Ward |

Next Week's Service: June 19 – "Juneteenth"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associates Michelle Wallace, Kathi Bayne, Rev. Barbara Meyers, and Calista Ames. Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Our music will come from a consortium of our MPUUC Musical groups.

Known to some as the country's "second Independence Day," Juneteenth celebrates freedom. Not just the freedom of folks who assumed they were free, but what it might feel like if ALL people were free. The news that enslaved people would be freed after the civil war, took a long time in reaching some communities - especially where enslaved folks were reliant on their enslavers to tell them. On June 19, 1865 news reached the far outpost of Galveston TX. On June 17, 2021, it became a Federal Holiday.

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

Announcements:

The MPUUC ARO team is planning a congregational picnic on June 19 after the worship service to focus on the celebration of Juneteenth. This is the anniversary of the day in 1865 when the slaves learned that they were free. Here is a link to an evite for the celebration: <http://evite.me/KAJAqPER2N>, which includes traditional recipes and a way to record what you optionally might be able to bring.

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, or call 510-796-5722.