

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



The Dawn of Everything

Worship Leader: Sharon Davis
Worship Associate: Paul K. Davis

Worship Host: Graham Bell
Music: Jay and Jessica Steele

Sunday, August 14, 2022 10:00 AM

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, August 14, 2022 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"I have spent six years reflecting on the state of European society and I still can't think of a single way they act that is not inhuman, and I genuinely think this can only be the case as long as you stick to your distinctions of 'mine' and 'thine'. To imagine one can live in the country of money and preserve one's soul is like imagining one could preserve one's life at the bottom of a lake."

-Kondiaronk, a 17th century Huron-Wendat chief, who lived in what is now Ontario, Canada.

Prelude David Gibbons

Bell Sharon Davis

Call To Worship Paul K. Davis

Welcome Suzette Takei

Welcome Song Hymn #21 For the Beauty of the Earth Jay and Jessica Steele

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 Stolen Words William Fogg Library
written by Melanie Florence, illustrated by Gabrielle Grimard

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Paul K. Davis

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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).

Joys and Concerns Invitation Paul K. Davis

Song of Reflection	Colors of the Wind Stephen Schwartz and Alan Menken	Jay and Jessica Steele
Shared Joys & Concerns		Paul K. Davis
Reading / Reflection	The Dawn of Everything David Graeber and David Wengrow	Sharon Davis
Anthem	Here I am Bryan Adams, Gretchen Peters, and Hans Zimmer	Jay and Jessica Steele
Message	The Dawn of Everything	Sharon Davis
Going Deeper	Muwekma Ohlone Tribe	
Closing Hymn	Hymn #398 To See the World	Jay and Jessica Steele
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.	Paul K. Davis
Benediction		Sharon Davis

Next Week's Service: August 21 – "Bird by Bird, Stone by Stone, Hand in Hand"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Paul K. Davis. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. A variety of MPUUC Musicians will provide our music.

Each of us has probably experienced the feeling of being abandoned and betrayed. In moments that mattered, we have had to imagine facing the world unprotected and alone. It is a scary sequence of thoughts that come when we have to piece together our own survival rather than the creative imagination that comes when we see ourselves as part of greater body. This is a sermon of what happens when we learn to see ourselves as part of something larger rather than settle for the rugged individualism our culture often promotes.

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 mask (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.

The Survey is coming! The Survey is coming! (One if by land and two if by sea.)

The Covid-19 task force wants your opinion about if and how we should change our Covid related safety policies. Please take a few minutes before 5PM on August 14th to help us by completing the survey by pressing the link below.

[Link to survey](#)

Thanks,

Covid-19 task force

Steve Wallcave, Eric Ryan, DeAnna Alm

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.

Pastoral Care

For questions about pastoral care, contact the Encouragement team (ecteam@mpuuc.org). This will go to a team of people who, over the summer, are led by Rev. Barbara Meyers. Filling in for Rev. Barbara will be Jo Ann Schriener and Sharon Davis. They can be reached at the following numbers:

Jo Ann Schriener - 510-648-8963

Sharon Davis - 510-449-3869