

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Worship Associate: Paul K. Davis

Worship Host: Erik Alm
Music: Jay and Jessica Steele

Sunday, September 11, 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, September 11, 2022 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

It's a terrible thing, I think, in life to wait until you're ready. I have this feeling now that actually no one is ever ready to do anything. There is almost no such thing as ready. There is only now. And you may as well do it now. Generally speaking, now is as good a time as any. — Hugh Laurie

A rock pile ceases to be a rock pile the moment a single person contemplates it, bearing within them the image of a cathedral. — Antoine de Saint-Exupery

It is necessary ... for a person to go away by themselves ... to sit on a rock ... and ask, 'Who am I, where have I been, and where am I going?' — Carl Sandburg

To do the useful thing, to say the courageous thing, to contemplate the beautiful thing: that is enough for one person's life. — T. S. Eliot

The law of floatation was not discovered by contemplating the sinking of things, but by contemplating the floating of things which floated naturally, and then intelligently asking why they did so. — Thomas Troward

The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when we contemplate the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery every day. Never lose a holy curiosity. — Albert Einstein

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Paul K. Davis

Unison Chalice Lighting Paul K. Davis

We aspire to accept responsibility for the impact of our words and actions rather than seek absolution through our intent.

Welcome DeAnna Alm

Welcome Song #391 Voice Still and Small Jessica Steele, Alto; Jay Steele, Piano
John Corrado

Time for all Ages Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander
Fr. Thomas Merton

Share the Plate Side with Love

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Paul K. Davis

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Joys and Concerns Invitation Rev. Greg Ward

Song of Reflection Cantata No. 199 Julika Hing, Soprano; Jay Steele, Piano
J.S. Bach

Shared Joys & Concerns Rev. Greg Ward

Reading The Paradox of Our Time (adapted) Rev. Greg Ward
Rev. Dr. Bob Moorehead

Anthem Messiah, part 3 Julika Hing, Soprano; Jay Steele, Piano
G.F. Handel

Message Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander Rev. Greg Ward

Going Deeper

Closing Hymn #15 Lone Wild Bird Jessica Steele, Alto; Jay Steele, Piano
H. R. MacFayden

Extinguishing the Chalice #456 Paul K. Davis
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: September 18, 2022 – “Walking Upstream to the Original Water Communion”

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

Our annual in-gathering service - the Water Communion - is a mainstay of many (if not most) UU Congregations. This year we will look back on where it came from, how it changed, and reflect on what might be some of the most important aspects of the service to honor.

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.

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.