

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Samhain - Connecting to the Spirit of Our Ancestors

Worship Leader: Rev. E.N. Hill
Worship Associate: Paul K. Davis

Worship Host: Graham Bell
Music: Jay and Jessica Steele

Sunday, October 30, 2022 10:00 AM

Service theme for the month: Cooperation

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, October 30, 2022 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thoughts

“Stories of the dead walking the earth [at Samhain] were the origin of our Halloween ghosts and goblins running wild. Originally, ancestors were revered on this day, as they still are by many people across the world. On Samhain, the god was in the underworld, regenerating from his summer death, and, in many myths, the goddess descends into the underworld, as marked by the slumber of the earth, to join him.”

~ Christopher Penczak in City Magick: Spells, Rituals, and Symbols for the Urban Witch

“The pagan Samhain is not, and never was, associated with evil or negativity. It has always been a time to reaffirm our belief in the oneness of all spirits, and in our firm resolution that physical death is not the final act of existence. Though death is very much a part of Samhain’s symbolism, this sabbat also celebrates the triumph of life over death.”

~ Edain McCoy in The Sabbats: A Witch’s Approach to Living the Old Ways

“Every Samhain, a deity known as the Lord of the Dead was said to gather together the souls of all men, women, and children who had died during the previous year...[T]hey would be set free to begin their journey to the Celtic underworld of Tirna-n’Og, whose open gates awaited them.”

~ Gerina Dunwich in Witch’s Halloween: A Complete Guide to the Magick, Incantations, Recipes, Spells, and Lore

Prelude

Bell Paul K. Davis

Call To Worship Paul K. Davis

Unison Chalice Lighting Rev. E.N. Hill

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 Gayle Tupper

Welcome Song 1011 Return Again Jay and Jessica Steele
Scholomo Carlebach

Time for all Ages The Widow’s Broom Paul K. Davis
Chris Van Allsburg

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

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- 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 online 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

Zombies
The Cranberries

Jay and Jessica Steele

Shared Joys & Concerns

Paul K. Davis

Reading

Rev. E.N. Hill

Anthem

Breaths
Ysaye Barnwell

Jay and Jessica Steele

Message

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Closing Hymn

1051 We Are
Ysaye Barnwell

Jay and Jessica Steele

Extinguishing the Chalice

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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. E.N. Hill

Next Week's Service: November 6 – "Habits of the Heart"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Peak Performers will provide our music.

Habits of the Heart is an idea from Parker J. Palmer as he talks about conditioning our hearts to break in the right way - which is to say, 'break open.' What kind of preparation is required of us if we are to be expected to respond with compassionate service and healing as opposed to responding with fragility and defensiveness?

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.

Board Meeting:

Due to the timing of the 2022 midterm elections, the Board meeting is moving from November 8th to November 15th. It will be held via Zoom from 6:30-9:30 PM.