

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Guest at Your Table

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt
Worship Associate: Rev. Greg Ward

Worship Host: Graham Bell
Music: Saunder Choi and UUSC Guest Musicians

Sunday, November 27, 2022 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month:

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, November 27, 2022 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

The injustices and crises of the past year have underscored the importance of our shared goal—a world free from oppression, where all can realize their full human rights. They also have emphasized just how big a task that is.

To meet the enormous challenges of today and build a more just future, we need big ideas and bold change. We must fundamentally transform the way things are so that we do not perpetuate systemic inequities and repeat the harms of the past.

UUSC works in more than 20 countries, with over 50 grassroots partners, there are thousands of individuals involved in and who benefit from the work that our members make possible.

The program is an opportunity to celebrate grassroots partnership, support human rights, and learn about just four of these individuals—the “guests” in Guest at Your Table.

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship UUSC
What Are Human Rights?
What is the UUSC?

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 Colleen Arnold

Welcome Song Saunder Choi, Jyvonne Haskins
Chloe Vaught, David Eric Peterson
More Waters Rising
Saro Lynch-Thomason; arr. By Saunder Choi

Time for all Ages Rev. Laura Randell
How Did the UUSC Get Started
UUSC

Share the Plate Rev. Mary Katherine Morn
Rev. Laura Randall

Share the Plate Offering Rev. Greg Ward

Please donate generously to UUSC Guest at Your Table if you are able:

- Make your check out to MPUUC with GaYT in the memo line.
- 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) If you are making a pledge, please indicate “pledge” on the memo line.

- Drop envelope with check (with GAYT on the memo line) 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. Choose “Special” as the donation type. Please state for “GAYT” in the message.(Note: 3% surcharge).

Joys and Concerns Invitation

Rev. Greg Ward

Song of Reflection

Imagine
John Lennon

Jo Ann Schriener, piano

Shared Joys & Concerns

Rev. Greg Ward

Reading / Reflection

The Parrot and the Eagles
Jataka Buddhist Tales of India

Rev. Laura Randall

Anthem

Circle Round for Freedom
Linda Hirschhorn; arr. By Saunder Choi

Lalaina Romero and Rev. Mykal Slack

Message

Power of Every Voice

Sofia Betancourt

Going Deeper

Rev. Dr. Ned Wight
Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Brett
Rev. Aisha Ansano

Closing Hymn

The Tide is Rising
Words and Music by Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman & Yotam Schachter; Arr. by Nick Page

Debra Hammond

Extinguishing the Chalice

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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

Benediction

Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: December 4 – “Disability Justice”

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

The UUA has recently made a commitment to make disability one of the social justice issues it will focus on. We will look at this topic, the history of disability in our denomination and where we are called to take it as the future unfolds. Rev. Barbara has been involved in disability issues during her ministry and will give her perspective on the struggle.

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.