

## WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



### Disability Justice

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Meyers  
Worship Associate: Michelle Wallace

Worship Host: Erik Alm  
Music: Peak Performers

Sunday, December 4, 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](mailto: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, December 4, 2022 10-11:15 a.m.

## Centering Thoughts

*"Nothing About Us Without Us"*, motto of the Disability Rights movement

*"How can we improve disability inclusion in social justice and overcome ableism? ... We are at the stage where fighting this fight minus the disability community undermines the ability to advocate for these issues in their totality."* Keith Jones leader within social justice and disability rights movements

*"You get a bunch of 'UUs' committed to systemic change, and things start to happen"*  
- Rev. Suzanne Fast, a drafter of the new UUA anti-ableism commitment.

*"People with disabilities are a constant reminder of the full reality of the human experience - how vulnerable we are and how much there is in life that we cannot control."* - Allan G. Johnson

## Prelude

Bell Rev. Barbara Meyers

Call To Worship Michelle Wallace

Unison Chalice Lighting Michelle Wallace

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 # 1014 Answering the Call of Love First Unitarian Church of Baltimore  
Jason Shelton

Time for all Ages *Crip Camp - A Disability Revolution* Nicole Newnham  
Movie Trailer Producer/Director

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Michelle Wallace

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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 online at <https://mpuuc.org/contact-us/donate/> with credit or debit card (Note: 3% surcharge).

<b>Joys and Concerns Invitation</b>		Rev. Barbara Meyers
<b>Song of Reflection</b>	# 1053 How Could Anyone Libby Roderick	First Unitarian Church of Baltimore
<b>Shared Joys &amp; Concerns</b>		Rev. Barbara Meyers
<b>Reading / Reflection</b>	Reflections on the Social Model of Disability Lisa Ferris	Rev. Barbara Meyers
<b>Anthem</b>	Draw the Circle Wide Music: Mark A. Miller, Words: Gordon Light	Peak Performers
<b>Message</b>	Disability Justice	Rev. Barbara Meyers
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	#121 We'll Build a Land Barbara Zanotti / Carolyn McDade	Peak Performers
<b>Extinguishing the Chalice</b>	#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.	Michelle Wallace
<b>Benediction</b>		Rev. Barbara Meyers

**Next Week's Service: December 11 – "It's Dark Out There"**

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Sharon Davis. Worship Host will be David Gibbons. Jay and Jessica Steele will provide our music.

We are entering into the season in our trip around the sun where we are the furthest - and most tilted away - from the light and the warmth of the sun. This means light and warmth are most scarce. Those who are unfamiliar and sensitive to living in cold, dark climates struggle. When it is dark as we leave the house and dark when we return, it can become hard to keep the chill and the lack of visibility from dampening our mood, our energy, our vision and even our hope. This is so true, some even allow the symbols of darkness to assume feelings of fear and resentment. This is a service about learning to understand, accept and maybe even invite darkness into our lives.

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](mailto:com_minister@mpuuc.org), or call 510-796-5722.