

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Temptation

Worship Leader: Mark Rahman
Worship Associate: Paul K. Davis

Worship Host: Steve Wallcave
Music: Various MPUUC Musical Artists

Sunday, February 19, 2023 10:00 AM

Service theme for the month: To Be Beholden

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, February 19, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"All these things, and their like can be occasions of sin because, good though they are, they are of the lowest order of good, and if we are too much tempted by them we abandon those higher and better things, your truth, your law, and you yourself, O Lord our God." - St. Augustine, Confessions

"I can resist everything except temptation." - Oscar Wilde

"I cannot believe that the most delicious things were placed here merely to test us, to tempt us, to make it the more difficult for us to capture the grand prize." - Tom Robbins, Jitterbug Perfume

"I generally avoid temptation unless I can't resist it." - Mae West

"The biggest human temptation is to settle for too little." - Thomas Merton

Prelude

Bell Mark Rahman

Call To Worship Paul K. Davis

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.

Board Welcome Gayle Tupper

Welcoming One Another Kathy Wallcave

Welcome Song **#95 There Is More Love Somewhere** Peak Performers
African American Hymn

Time for all Ages Brene' Brown on Shame RSA Shorts
Brene' Brown

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

Joys and Concerns Invitation Mark Rahman

Song of Reflection **Spirit of Life** All Souls Unitarian Virtual Choir
Carolyn McDade

Shared Joys & Concerns Mark Rahman

Reading / Reflection 'People Who Have Nothing Yet Teach Much' Mark Rahman

Anthem **Gotta Serve Somebody** Peak Rocks
By Bob Dylan

Message Temptation Mark Rahman

Closing Hymn #169 We Shall Overcome Peak Performers
African American Spiritual

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 Mark Rahman

Next Week's Service: February 26 – "Our Zeroth Ministry"

Eric Dittmar will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Jo Ann Schriener and Knuti VanHoven will provide our music.

While Mission Peak has a minister, we have a shared ministry; but what does that mean? Eric Dittmar wants to reflect on the word "ministry," and suggest that we have a ministry that comes—not first amongst our congregational priorities—but *before* we set goals for our shared ministry.

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.