

# WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



## Our Zeroth Ministry

Worship Leader: Eric Dittmar

Worship Associate: Rev. Barbara Meyers

Worship Host: Erik Alm

Music: Jo Ann Schriner, Knuti VanHoven

Sunday, February 26, 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](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, February 26, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

## Centering Thoughts

*There is a singular principle that governs a religious community driven by congregational polity: the congregation owns its mission and ministry.* --Robert Latham, UUA CoM Model

*Mission is “why we exist” and Ministry is “everything we do to fulfill that mission.”*  
--UUA definitions for congregational visioning

--Our "Week on the Peak" banner

## Prelude

Bell Eric Dittmar

Call To Worship Eric Dittmar

**Unison Chalice Lighting** Rev. Barbara Meyers

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 Suzette Takei

John Lewis

Fallopian Valerie Stewart

**Practice of Generosity (Offering)** Please donate generously if you are able, in one of these ways:

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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).

<b>Joys and Concerns Invitation</b>		Rev. Barbara Meyers
<b>Song of Reflection</b>	Building Bridges #1023	Knuti Van Hoven Jo Ann Schriner
<b>Shared Joys &amp; Concerns</b>		Rev. Barbara Meyers
<b>Guided Meditation</b>	Prelude Op. 28, No.4 Frédéric Chopin	Eric Dittmar Jo Ann Schriner
<b>Message</b>	Our Zeroth Ministry	Eric Dittmar
<b>Going Deeper</b>		
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	When Our Heart is in a Holy Place #1008	Knuti Van Hoven Jo Ann Schriner
<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.	Eric Dittmar
<b>Benediction</b>		Eric Dittmar

**Next Week's Service: March 5 – “Inconceivable!!!”**

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

In the 1987 movie, 'The Princess Bride' the character of Vizzini (played wonderfully by Wallace Shawn) keeps watching his evil plans be thwarted by the heroics of protagonists, Westly and Buttercup. 'Inconceivable!' he cries. This is a service where we try to imagine a world without the inventions, the heroes and she-roes and the various influences, movements and events that saved the day and bent the moral arc of the universe toward justice.

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.