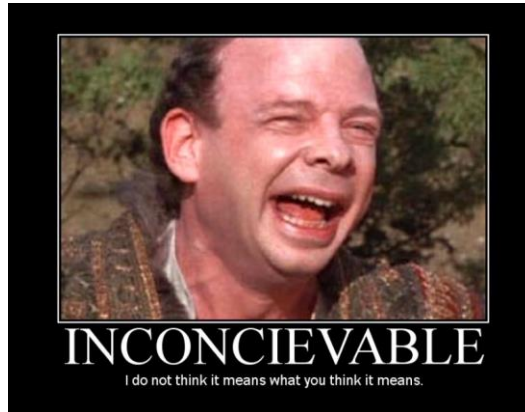


## WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



### **Inconceivable!!!**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward**  
**Worship Associate: Don Ramie**

**Worship Host: Graham Bell**  
**Music: Peak Performers**

**Sunday, March 5, 2023 10:00 AM**  
**Service theme for the month: Imagination**

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, March 5, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

## Centering Thoughts

*Buttercup:* "We'll never survive."  
*Westley:* "Nonsense. You're only saying that because no one ever has."  
*Buttercup:* "You mock my pain."  
*Man in Black:* "Life is pain, highness. Anyone who says differently is selling something."  
*Westley:* "I told you I would always come for you. Why didn't you wait for me?"  
*Buttercup:* "Well... you were dead."  
*Westley:* "Death cannot stop true love. All it can do is delay it for a while."  
*Vizzini:* "He didn't fall? INCONCEIVABLE!"  
*Inigo Montoya:* "You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means."  
*Inigo:* "Is very strange. I have been in the revenge business so long, now that it's over, I don't know what to do with the rest of my life."

## Prelude

**Bell** Rev. Greg Ward

**Call To Worship** Don Ramie

**Unison Chalice Lighting** Rev. Greg Ward

Honoring who we have been, embracing who we feel called to be,  
we come together as an inclusive and diverse community,  
growing in love and truth, courageously collaborating to liberate one another  
from hurt and hate and to create hope and justice.

**Welcome** DeAnna Alm

**Welcoming One Another** Kathy Wallcave

**Welcome Song** #124 Be That Guide Peak Performers  
Carl Seaburg, Words; Tom Benjamin, Music

**Time for all Ages** Stone Soup Ariel Smith-Iyer  
Trad. Folktale

**Pulpitorial** Suzette Takei

**Practice of Generosity (Offering)** Don Ramie

**Please donate generously if you are able, in one of these ways:**

- 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**

Rev. Greg Ward

**Song of Reflection**

Love is Love is Love is Love  
Abby Betinis and Johanne Pachabel

Abbie Betinis

This anthem is a response to the 49 who died, the 50 wounded and the countless traumatized on June 12, 2016 when a tragic and inconceivable shooting took place at Pulse Nighclub in Orlando, FL.

**Shared Joys & Concerns**

Rev. Greg Ward

**Reflection**

It Would Take a Miracle  
William Goldman

Excerpt from A Princess Bride  
Billy Crystal  
Carol Kane  
Mandy Patinkin  
Andre the Giant

**Anthem**

Now Sing We of the Brave of Old  
Albert Dawson, Words; Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Music; Arr. by Shauna Pickett-Gordon

Peak Performers

**Message**

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Rev. Greg Ward

**Going Deeper**

**Closing Hymn**

#119 Once to Every Soul and Nation  
James Russel Lowell, Words; Thomas John Williams, Music

Peak Performers

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

#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.

Don Ramie

**Benediction**

Rev. Greg Ward

**Next Week's Service: March 12 – "Loving From the Insight Out"**

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Sharon Davis. Worship Host will be David Gibbons. Various UUA music artists will provide our music.

What makes you shine? And how does the light you possess brighten the world around you? Those are hard questions for Puritan minded folks who were taught not to pay any mind to the light within. But often, they don't prove much easier for UUs who, on the one hand eschew archaic religious ways of thinking; but on the other still have trouble and 'hide their light under a bushel. Still, if we believe our first principle, none of us are an exception. Or a mistake. In this service we will explore Marianne Williamson's oft cited concern: 'it is our light - not our darkness - that most frightens us.'

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.