

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



The Brain Trust Behind Any New Deal

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Worship Associate: Beth Schaefer

Worship Host: Steve Wallcave
Music: Jo Ann Schriener and Knuti VanHoven

Sunday, March 26, 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. 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 26, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

Roosevelt's New Deal regulated business, protected social welfare and promoted national infrastructure on the principle that the role of government was not simply to protect the property of the wealthy, but rather was to promote equality of opportunity for all.
Heather Cox Richardson (Historian, author, reporter)

Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other's welfare, social justice can never be attained.
Helen Keller (American author, disability rights advocate, political activist and lecturer)

The religion of tomorrow will be less concerned with the dogmas of theology and more concerned with the social welfare of humanity.
Tommy Douglas (Baptist Minister and leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada 1961 – 1971)

For us democracy is a question of human dignity... Human dignity is the right to health, work, education and social welfare. Human dignity is the right and the practical possibility to shape the future with others. These rights, the rights of democracy, are not reserved for a select group within society, they are the rights of all the people.
Olof Palme (Prime Minister Sweden 1969 to 1976 and 1982 to 1986.)

Our foremost priority is the removal of poverty, hunger and malnutrition, disease and illiteracy... Agencies involved in the delivery of services should have a strong sense of duty and work in a transparent, corruption-free, time-bound and accountable manner.
Pratibha Patil (Lawyer and 12th President of India from 2007 – 2012)

Power has only one duty - to secure the social welfare of the People.
Benjamin Disraeli (Prime Minister of UK from 1874-1880)

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Beth Schaefer

Unison Chalice Lighting Beth Schaefer

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 UU Society of Grafton and Upton
1017 Building a New Way
Martha Sandafer

Time for all Ages Ariel Smith-Iyer and Naomi Smith-Iyer
Reflections on Persistence

Testimonial / Pulpitorial

Music Fans and Members of the MPUUC Choir

Practice of Generosity (Offering)

Rev. Greg Ward

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

Beth Schaefer

Song of Reflection

Women's Medley

Jo Ann Schriner, piano

Shared Joys & Concerns

Beth Schaefer

Reflection

All for One and One for All

Rev. Greg Ward

Anthem

Hero
Mariah Carey

Knuti VanHoven, vocals and arrangement
Jo Ann Schriner, piano

Message

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Going Deeper

Closing Hymn

121 We'll Build a Land
Barbara Zanotti, Words; Carolyn McDade, 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.

Beth Schaefer

Benediction

Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: April 2 – "Opening the Door"

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

We as UUs are often called to open doors to new understanding and yet struggle with change. Perhaps the answer resides in how we perceive the world and the biases we bring to the conversation. Can we, are we capable of residing and living into the opportunities the open door of change reveals?

Go to <https://mpuuc.org/zoom/> for order of service and how to connect for all services

Announcements:

Mission Peak UU Passover Seder

A Seder is a meal where the story is told of the liberation of Hebrew slaves from ancient Egypt. It is a fun tradition with storytelling, singing and sharing of food where we are reminded that freedom is as important today as it was thousands of years ago.

Please come join us for a **Passover Seder and potluck** on **Saturday April 8th at 6:00PM** in Cole Hall (on the campus of First United Methodist Church), 2950 Washington Blvd, Fremont, CA 94539.

- Please bring a dish to share for the pot luck (**no bread please, we eat matzoh instead**).
- We are asking for a \$5 donation for adults to help cover costs of the ceremonial foods and decorations.
- Children are encouraged to come.
- Please let us know you are coming by filling out this form so we can set up the correct number of tables and prepare the ceremonial food.

This is mainly an inside event but outside and Zoom options will be added with enough interest and volunteers for set-up.

To come please [signup here](#).

Contact wallcave@mpuuc.org with questions.



Mission Peak UU Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Starts after the service on April 9th at 11:30AM

The Mission Peak UU Safety Policy for Services and Events changed March 8th

We encourage attendees to be masked inside, using N95 (or equivalent) which are more effective than cloth or surgical masks. We have such masks available in Cole Hall on Sunday mornings. The end of the mask requirement does not mean the end of COVID-19, which will remain present in our community. We are allowing attendees to decide which tools to use to keep themselves and others as healthy as possible.

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 Safety Policy on how we allow services in Cole Hall and other events 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.

Contact Steve Wallcave with any questions about the 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.