

# WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



## Opening the Door

Worship Leader: Rev. Sangye Hawke  
Worship Associate: Rev. Barbara Meyers

Worship Host: Erik Alm  
Music: Peak Performers

Sunday, April 2, 2023 10:00 AM

Service theme for the month: **Beginning Again**

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, April 2, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

## Centering Thought

“All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them.”

Galileo Galilei

“Everyone hears only what he understands.”

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

“Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood.”

Marie Curie

“Furious activity is no substitute for understanding.”

H.H Williams

“We are all so desperate to be understood, we forget to be understanding.”

Beau Taplin

“Your pain is the breaking of the shell that encloses your understanding.”

Khalil Gibran

## Prelude

## Bell

Rev. Barbara Meyers

## Call To Worship

Rev. Barbara Meyers

## 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

DeAnna Alm

## Welcome Song

Hymn #1000 Morning Has Come  
Jason Shelton

Peak Performers

## Time for all Ages

*Beyond Every Door*  
Rev. Molly Housh Gorden

Rev. Barbara Meyers

## Practice of Generosity (Offering)

Rev. Barbara Meyers

**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. Barbara Meyers

## Song of Reflection

#15 *The Lone, Wild Bird*  
Words: H.R. ManFayden, Music William Walker

Peak Performers

<b>Shared Joys &amp; Concerns</b>		Rev. Barbara Meyers
<b>Mindful Moment</b>		Rev. Sangye Hawke
<b>Reading / Reflection</b>	<i>We Hold Hope Close</i> Rev. Ninan (Theresa) Soto	Rev. Sangye Hawke
<b>Anthem</b>	Hymn #193: "Our Faith is But a Single Gem" Words: J. A. Story, 1935-1997 Music: DISTRESS, The Southern Harmony, 1835 Arrangement by Shauna Pickett-Gordon, 3/26/23	Peak Performers
<b>Message</b>	Opening the Door	Rev. Sangye Hawke
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	#1010 We Give Thanks Music and Words: Wendy Louella Perkins	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.	Rev. Barbara Meyers
<b>Benediction</b>	<i>Go Your Ways</i> John W. Brigham	Rev. Sangye Hawke

**Next Week's Service: April 9, 2023 – "Easter as a Second Language"**

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

Have you ever had someone tell you a story and it was so hard to understand it felt like they were speaking in a foreign language? Unitarians Universalists have, for much of their recent history, had that kind of experience when listening to the story of Easter. This Sunday, we will look at the words and explore their usage - much like is commonly done in English as a Second Language courses. Perhaps, at the end of the class, we might finally understand what some people mean when they talk about Easter.

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](mailto:wallcave@mpuuc.org) with questions.

### **Mission Peak UU Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

Starts after the service on April 9th at 11:30AM. Meet on the steps outside of Cole Hall at 11:30AM.

### **Thursday April 13th: All ages potluck dinner and game night, Ockerman 7/8 from 6-8pm (in-person)**

This week we meet in Ockerman 7/8 to come together over shared food- either homemade or store bought, all food contributions are welcome! We'll light a chalice to kick things off and then tuck in to our stone-soup-style dinner. If you're not sure about eating indoors with others you're more than welcome to come for the second hour when we'll likely be done eating and playing some games. This week we'll have Gobblet to teach you as well as some others you may already know (TACO CAT GOAT CHEESE PIZZA, Uno, the playdough table). If you plan to come for dinner it would be helpful to RSVP so we know how many chairs and tables to put out, simply send an email to [dre@mpuuc.org](mailto:dre@mpuuc.org) and let us know how many in your party or fill out [this super short rsvp](#). It would be so great to have you there! And if this week isn't possible we'll be glad to see you at future potluck & game night events rolling out all spring.

RSVP preferred but not required.

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