

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Easter as a Second Language

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

Worship Host: David Gibbons
Music: Jay and Jessica Steele

Sunday, April 9, 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. 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 9, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow. Robert H. Goddard

We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining - they just shine. Dwight L. Moody

A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act. Mahatma Gandhi

I think we need to do some deep soul searching about what's important in our lives and renew our spirit and our spiritual thinking, whether it's through faith-based religion or just through loving nature or helping your fellow man. Louie Schwartzberg

"The Easter egg symbolizes our ability to break out of the hardened, protective shell we've surrounded ourselves with that limits our thoughts and beliefs. As we break open our hearts and minds we discover a transformation to new, life enhancing thoughts and beliefs." Siobhan Shaw

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Don Ramie

Unison Chalice Lighting Rev. Greg Ward

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Welcome Suzette Takei

Welcome Song #61 Lo, the Earth Awakes Again Jessica and Jay Steele
Samuel Longfellow, Words; Lyra Davidica, Music

Time for all Ages The Story of Immortal Love Rev. Greg Ward

Pulpitorial Valerie Stewart

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Don Ramie

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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		Rev. Greg Ward
Song of Reflection	Flora's Secret Enya, Nicky Ryan, and Roma Ryan	Jessica and Jay Steele
Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Greg Ward
Reading / Reflection	Who Will Roll Away This Stone? Rev. Virginia Rickeman	Rev. Greg Ward
Anthem	I Can Fly Elizabeth Grant and Rick Nowels	Jessica and Jay Steele
Message	Easter As a Second Language	Rev. Greg Ward
Going Deeper		
Closing Hymn	#36 When In Our Music Fred Pratt Green, Words; Charles Villiard Stanford, Music	Jessica and Jay Steele
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: April 16, 2023 – "The Better Angels of Our Nature"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Peak Rocks will provide our music.

Sometimes we find ourselves in a conflict of feeling torn. We're called toward something new, but with an uncomfortable and unshakeable loyalty to what is being replaced. This is a service where we explore the conversation that divided the nation - and still does. We will look at some of the history and lessons about the price we pay for memorializing our woundedness instead of entertaining the better angels of our nature.

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

Announcements:

Mission Peak UU Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Starts after today's service at 11:30AM. Meet on the steps outside of Cole Hall at 11:30AM.

Garden Clean Up after Service - April 9

There will be a Garden Clean Up after the Sunday Service today. If you aren't planning to hunt for eggs or go to a family event and you feel the need to pull weeds and rake, stay with us after the Service...with a pair of work shoes. Tools are on site, and a limited amount of work gloves will be available. Hot crossed buns and coffee and companionship will greet the hearty souls who stay. HAPPY SPRING!

If you have questions contact Valeries4kids@aol.com

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

(see Week on Peak for details)

Saturday April 15th: calling all dogs and dog lovers! Lake Elizabeth dog park (map [here](#)) 10-11:30AM (in-person)

(see Week on Peak for details)

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.