

## WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



### The Better Angels of Our Nature

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward  
Worship Associate: Rev. Barbara Meyers

Worship Host: Steve Wallcave  
Music: Peak Rocks

Sunday, April 16, 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 16, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

## Centering Thought

*"The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely, they will be, by the better angels of our nature."* Abraham Lincoln

*"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why."* Mark Twain

*"I care not for any person's religion whose dog and cat are not the better for it."* Abraham Lincoln

*"If only you could sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person."* Fred Rogers

*"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot."* Michael Altshuler

## Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

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 Gayle Tupper

Welcome Song Before the Deluge Peak Rocks  
Jackson Browne

Time for all Ages Build Back Better - A Story About Kintsugi Ariel Smith-Iyer

Share the Plate Introduction Rev. Barbara Meyers

CDHC Representative Darrylyn Swift

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Rev. Barbara Meyers

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P.O. Box 545 Fremont, CA 94537-0545  
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- Drop envelope with check (with "CHDC" on the memo line) in Mission Peak UU mail slot addressed to:

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We will be collecting this once per week.

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**Joys and Concerns Invitation**

Rev. Greg Ward

**Song of Reflection**

Let it Be  
Lennon and McCartney

Peak Rocks

**Shared Joys & Concerns**

Rev. Greg Ward

**Reflection**

Rev. Greg Ward

**Anthem**

The Better Angels of Our Nature  
Composed by Wayne Kirkpatrick; Originally performed by Susan Ashton

Peak Rocks

**Message**

The Better Angels of Our Nature

Rev. Greg Ward

**Going Deeper**

**Closing Hymn**

Preach  
John Legend

Peak Rocks

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

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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

**Benediction**

Rev. Greg Ward

**Next Week's Service: April 23 – “THIS is Jeopardy!!”**

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be TBD. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Jo Ann Schriener and Knuti VanHoven will provide our music.

Rev. Greg went out and recruited some exciting surprise guests from MPUUC's past to play Jeopardy!. Because the service is celebrating Earth Day, all of the Jeopardy! categories will have something to do with Earth Day, climate change or environmental justice. If you love MPUUC's past and care about the environment, you won't want to miss this compelling call for us all to know what's happening with the Earth and what's needed.

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

**Announcements:**

**Children's Chapel on Sunday April 30th.** Our RE Coordinator Ariel is excited to begin some RE programming. On Sunday April 30th she will host Children's Chapel. This will happen during service, following the Time for all Ages, in one of the RE classrooms. Depending on the ages of the children present, we'll sing a song and read a book, then enjoy some free-play time. Our child safety policy requires two adults in attendance when children are present so she's looking for a volunteer

to join her. Reach out if you can help. This will be a monthly event, dates tbd through the spring and summer, settling on one recurring Sunday date per month by the fall season. Email Ariel at [dre@mpuuc.org](mailto:dre@mpuuc.org) if you want to help or have questions..

**Fremont's Museum of Local History Outing on April 23rd.** You're welcome to join us at Mission Peak UU's outing to Fremont's Museum of Local History on Sunday April 23rd. Please join ARO, Rev. Greg, Religious Education's Ariel, and Mission Peak Congregation members after the service Sunday, April 23, to visit Fremont's Washington Township Museum of Local History located at 190 Anza St., Fremont, CA 94539 (about 5 minutes from the Church). We will meet for lunch at Mission Coffee Roasting Company (151 Washington Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539) at 12 noon. Then, we will head to the Museum a couple blocks away. Questions – email Ariel at [dre@mpuuc.org](mailto:dre@mpuuc.org).

**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.