

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



THIS is Jeopardy!!

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Guest Worship Associate: Erik Alm

Worship Host: Graham Bell
Music: Jo Ann Schriner and Knuti VanHoven

Sunday, April 23, 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 23, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

Hope is not passive. Hope is not blah blah blah. Hope is telling the truth.

Greta Thunberg

"The mountains are calling and I must go."

John Muir

"Gorillas... never overpopulate or destroy their environment. They're more successful than us at living in harmony with nature."

Jane Goodall

"What good is a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?"

Henry David Thoreau

"The difference between a white man and an Indian is this – a white man wants to leave his money to his children. An Indian wants to leave forests."

Winona LaDuke

"Every aspect of Nature reveals a deep mystery and touches our wonder and awe."

Carl Sagan

"If you can't be in awe of mother nature, there's something wrong with you."

Alex Trebeck

Prelude

Bell

Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship

Erik Alm

Unison Chalice Lighting

Erik Alm

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

163 For the Earth Forever Turning
Words and Music by Kim Oler

Peak Performers

Time for all Ages

How to Help the Earth - by the Lorax
Written by Tish Rabe; Illustrated by Christopher Moroney and Jan Gerardi

Tish Rabe

Practice of Generosity (Offering)

Erik Alm

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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	Medley for the Earth	Jo Ann Schriener
Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Greg Ward
Jeopardy!	Rev. Joel Miller (UU Morristown, NJ; Organizing Minister at MPUUC - 1990) Rev. Alex Jensen (Grand Traverse, MI - Came of Age at MPUUC - 2010) Rev. Sonya Sukalski (Retired, Sabbatical Minister at MPUUC - 2016)	Rev. Greg Ward
Anthem	Pollution Tom Leher	Vocals and Arrangement: Knuti VanHoven Piano: Jo Ann Schriener
Double Jeopardy!	Rev. Joel Miller, Rev. Alex Jensen, Rev. Sonya Sukalski	Rev. Greg Ward
Closing Hymn	21 For the Beauty of the Earth Words: Folliott Sandford Pierpont; Music: Conrad Kocher	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.	Erik Alm
Benediction	Rev. Joel Miller, Rev. Alex Jensen, Rev. Sonya Sukalski	Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: April 30 – "Everything Must Change"

Rev. Connie Simon, Interim Minister at UU Davis will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Jay and Jessica Steele will provide our music.

Change is inevitable. It is always happening within, among and inside us. Sometimes change is welcome and other times not so much. How do we cope and even embrace it? Rev. Connie Simon, Interim Minister at the UU Church of Davis, is our special guest Worship Leader. She and Rev. Greg Ward will be doing a pulpit exchange today and Rev. Greg will be at UU Davis.

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 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.

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.