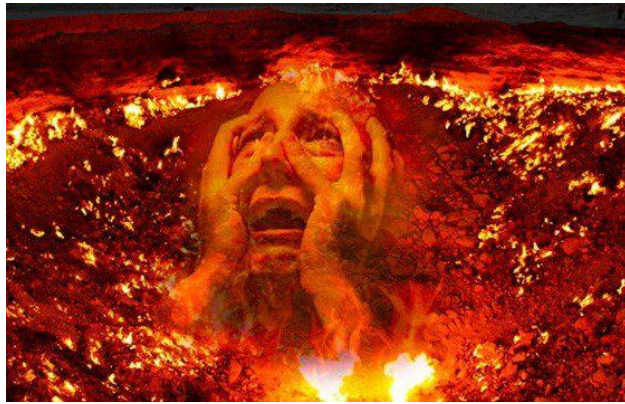


WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



A Religion that Sends You to Hell

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Worship Associate: Drew Willson

Worship Host: Steve Wallcave
Music: Peak Performers with Von Bringhurst

Sunday, May 7, 2023 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Courage

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, May 7, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"We are each our own devil, and we make this world our hell."

Oscar Wilde

"Hell is—other people!"

Jean-Paul Sartre, *No Exit*

"The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in times of great moral crisis, maintain their neutrality."

Dante Alighieri

"I hold it to be the inalienable right of anybody to go to hell in his own way."

Robert Frost

"All right, then, I'll go to hell."

Mark Twain, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

"I think hell is something you carry around with you. Not somewhere you go."

Neil Gaiman, *The Sandman Vol. 4: Seasons of Mists*

Prelude

Bell

Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship

Drew Wilson

Unison Chalice Lighting

Rev. Greg Ward

Our covenant is not a contract.

It is a declaration of aspirations, not ultimatums.

It is a living document, which will evolve as we do.

We all will fall short sometimes. When we do,
we will recognize our own responsibility for repair
and respond resourcefully with love
for others and ourselves.

Welcome

Colleen Arnold

Welcome Song

Building Bridges

Peak Performers

English Quaker Round;

Under the direction of Shauna Pickett-Gordon

Words by Greenham Common Women

Time for all Ages

Kids Explain the Meaning of Hell
Ben Coleman and Kelly Diamond

Toby, 11 - Jewish; Christian, 9 - Christian;
Rooban, 8 - Hindu; Sarah, 10 - Muslim;

Practice of Generosity (Offering)

Drew Wilson

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. Greg Ward

Song of Reflection Sympathy for the Devil Frank Watkinson
Mick Jagger and Keith Richards Used by Permission

Shared Joys & Concerns Rev. Greg Ward

Reflection Rev. Greg Ward

Anthem Imagine Peak Performers
John Lennon Under the direction of Von Bringhurst
arranged by Jay Althouse

Message A Religion that Sends You to Hell Rev. Greg Ward

Going Deeper

Closing Hymn Love Has Already Won Peak Performers
Jason Shelton Under the Direction of Shauna Pickett-Gordon

Extinguishing the Chalice #456 Drew Wilson
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.

Benediction Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: May 14 – "I'll Love You Forever"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service with special guest, Ramona Hill. They will be assisted by Worship Associate Sharon Davis. Our Worship Host will be David Gibbons. Jay and Jessica Steele will provide our music.

Our relationship with our mothers is one of both tenderness and tension. Rare indeed is the individual who had every need of mothering met by the mother they were given. It is part of our rite of passage to be born into absolute dependence, struggle with differentiation to achieve independence and then, if we're lucky, to build a meaningful interdependence. This is a sermon written by Rev. Greg and his mother in the last few years of her life as they tried to make sense of the love they shared.

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

Announcements:

May has begun and there are a few good things to look forward to.

On the last Sunday of this month there will be another Children's Chapel for the youngest among us.

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On Wednesday the 24th we'll meet for a potluck followed by an art project, making mosaic stepping stones to be placed in the garden bed out front. If you can't make it on the 24th there will be other opportunities to participate throughout the summer. And if you have broken bits of pottery or smooth glass at home please consider bringing them here and adding to the box labeled "Ceramics for mosaic project".

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.