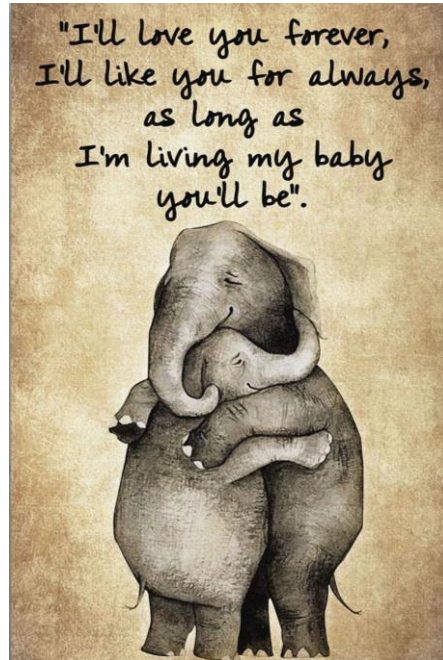


WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Love You Forever

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward with Ramona Hill
Worship Associate: Sharon Davis

Worship Host: David Gibbons
Music: Jay and Jessica Steele

Sunday, May 14, 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 14, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power." Maya Angelou

"Giving birth and being born brings us into the essence of creation, where the human spirit is courageous and bold and the body, a miracle of wisdom." Harriette Hartigan

"[Motherhood is] the biggest gamble in the world. It is the glorious life force. It's huge and scary—it's an act of infinite optimism." Gilda Radner

"Grown don't mean nothing to a mother. A child is a child. They get bigger, older, but grown. In my heart it don't mean a thing." Toni Morrison

"Motherhood is tough. If you just want a wonderful little creature to love, you can get a puppy." Barbara Walters

"No matter how old a mother is, she watches her middle-aged children for signs of improvement." Florida Scott-Maxwell

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Sharon Davis

Unison Chalice Lighting Sharon Davis

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 Suzette Takei

Welcome Song Jessica and Jay Steele
Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child
African American Spiritual

Time for all Ages Storytime
Love You Forever
Story: Robert Munsch; Illustrations, Sheila McGraw

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Sharon Davis

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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	Flower Kylie Minogue & Stephen Anderson	Jessica and Jay Steele
Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Greg Ward
Interlude		Jay Steele
Homily	Leaving Home Rev. Greg Ward and Celia Ward	Rev. Greg Ward and Ramona Hill
Anthem	Slipping Through My Fingers Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus	Jessica and Jay Steele
Homily	Returning Home Rev. Greg Ward and Celia Ward	Rev. Greg Ward and Ramona Hill
Going Deeper		
Closing Hymn	We Give Thanks Wendy Luella Perkins	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.	Sharon Davis
Benediction		Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: May 21 – "The First Thing to Know about the 2nd"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Kathi Bayne. Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Peak Rocks will provide our music.

The right to bear arms has a history even longer - and clearer - than our country's history. It has been cited by proponents as a non-negotiable right belonging to early colonists who had to protect themselves in the wilderness. It was a central issue in the war of independence to remain sovereign from foreign interests; and it was central to the intense negotiations behind passing the rights guaranteed in our Constitution. But Carol Anderson's book, The 2nd, points out that there is a common factor connecting our safety, our sovereign interests and our rights. Her book clearly explains that she is neither for or against the 2nd. But she is adamant about the first thing everyone needs to know about the 2nd.

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.

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.