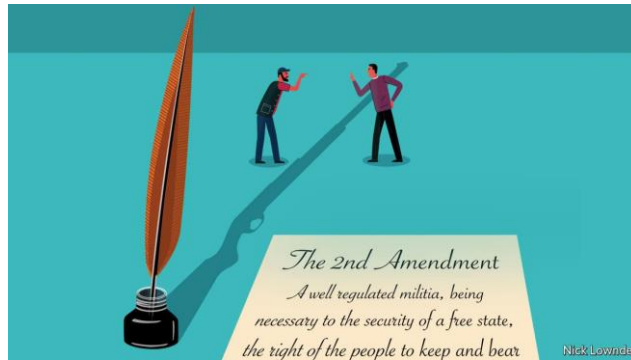


# WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



## The First Thing to Know about the 2nd

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward  
Worship Associate: Kathi Bayne

Worship Host: Erik Alm  
Music: Peak Rocks

Sunday, May 21, 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](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, May 21, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

### Centering Thought

*"Civil Wars happen when the victimized are armed. Genocide happens when they are not."* A.E. Samaan

*"When a country with less than five percent of the world's population has nearly half of the world's privately owned guns and makes up nearly a third of the world's mass shootings, it's time to stop saying guns make us safer."* DaShanne Stokes

*"By right we arm but by love, disarm. Now is the nation called to love. By gun control we challenge not your rights to arms but your heart to sacrifice that love entails. So give me not a reading of the law but tales of love's deeds in hearts and homes – how racks have shed arms like autumn leaves and turned the land from red to gold."* Agona Apell

*"Thoughts and prayers won't stop a speeding bullet."* DaShanne Stokes

*"The right to self defense is inalienable from the right to life. Weaken one and the other is devalued. Surrender your arms today and forfeit your life tomorrow."* A.E. Samaan

### Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Kathi Bayne

Unison Chalice Lighting Kathi Bayne

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 American Bad Dream Peak Rocks  
Kane Brown Lead Vocals: Paul Kwinn and David Lefkort

Time for all Ages Ariel Smith-Iyer

Testimonial / Pulpitorial Chris Norwood

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Kathi Bayne

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- Drop envelope with check (with "SNA" 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**

I've Got a Gun  
Candlebox (Kevin Martin)

Peak Rocks  
Lead Vocals: Taunya Gren

**Shared Joys & Concerns**

Rev. Greg Ward

**Reflection**

Rev. Greg Ward

**Anthem**

American Skin  
Bruce Springsteen

Peak Rocks  
Lead Vocals: Mark Kahn

**Message**

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**Going Deeper**

**Closing Hymn**

Who'll Pay Reparations On My Soul  
Gil Scott-Heron

Peak Rocks  
Lead Vocals: David Lefkort and Taunya Gren

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

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Kathi Bayne

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 28 – “Something about Hildegard of Bingen”**

Rev. Ruth Reinhart will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Jo Ann Schriener and Knuti VanHoven will provide our music.

Join us with guest preacher, Rev. Ruth Rinehart, Interim Minister at Starr King UU Church in Hayward. What does astonishing 12th century German nun, Hildegard of Bingen, have to say to Unitarian Universalists today?

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](mailto:com_minister@mpuuc.org), or call 510-796-5722.