

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



From Sameness to Choice A Flower Communion Fable

Worship Leaders: Rev. Greg Ward and Ariel Smith-Iyer
Worship Associate: Paul K. Davis

Worship Host: Erik Alm
Music: Peak Performers
under the direction of Von Bringhurst

Sunday, June 4, 2023 10:00 AM

Service theme for the month: **New Explorations**

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, June 4, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thoughts

"The particularity of our problems can be made bearable only through the recognition of our universal humanity. We suffer uniquely, but we survive the same way." Cheryl Strayed

"People may be said to resemble not the bricks of which a house is built, but the pieces of a picture puzzle, each differing in shape, but matching the rest, and thus bringing out the picture." Feliz Adler

"Diversity is not about how we differ. Diversity is about embracing one another's uniqueness." Ola Joseph

"I want to be part of a world where diversity and gender equality aren't special programs but the natural way of operating." Pierre Nanterme

Biological diversity is messy. It walks, it crawls, it swims, it swoops, it buzzes. But extinction is silent, and it has no voice other than our own. Paul Hawken

"Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilization." Mahatma Gandhi

Prelude

Bell Paul K. Davis

Story Part I Rev. Greg Ward

Unison Chalice Lighting Paul K. Davis

We light this chalice because that's just what we do. And we say what pops up on the screen because that's just who we are. And we're careful not to get out of line, because that would upset Bob. And we dread having our name appear on 'the list' because then we would need Sameness Kare Coins to scrape the imagination and uniqueness from our lives so we call all be the same today, tomorrow and forever.

Reflection Ariel Smith-Iyer

Welcome DeAnna Alm

Welcome Song Spirit of Life Peak Performers
Carolyn McDade

Story Part II Rev. Greg Ward

Reflection Ariel Smith-Iyer

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Paul K. Davis

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surcharge).

Anthem	Call Ralph Vaughan Williams Mystical Songs	Peak Performers Under the Direction of Von Bringhurst
Shared Joys & Concerns		Paul K. Davis
Story Part III		Rev. Greg Ward
Reflection		Ariel Smith-Iyer
Flower Communion		Paul K. Davis
Music for Reflection		
Closing Hymn	The Garden Song David Mallett	John Denver
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.	Rev. Barbara Meyers
Story Epilogue		Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: June 11, 2023 – "Wisdom of Sages"

The Membership Committee and Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Beth Schaefer. Worship Host will be David Gibbons. Jay and Jessica Steele will provide our music.

Certain cultures, following ancient wisdom, suggest that there is a special wisdom that comes with time and experience. Many cultures put elders at the center of the community so that their insights and stories might help illuminate and prepare those paying attention how to cultivate more meaning from life. In this service we will hear from a number of our MPUUC Sages as they pass on some of their secrets of a good life.

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

Announcements:

Mark Your Calendars! June 11, after the service- BYOTS (Bring Your Own Table Setting) Potluck

On June 11th Sunday service will honor our new sages, those in the congregation who have turned 80 since our last Sages Sunday in 2021. After the service there will be a BYOTS potluck. In addition to a dish to share, please bring your own plate and silverware. It's a small thing we can do to help the environment. If you forget though, we will have some available.

On June 11th, a group of people will be going (at 1:00 pm) - after the potluck - to the Fremont Local History Museum. We are interested in exploring our city's narrative about our history. All are welcome.

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.