

## WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



# The Silent Nest

Worship Leader: Don Ramie  
Worship Associate: DeAnna Alm

Worship Host: Erik Alm  
Music: Knuti VanHoven, Jo Ann Schriener, David  
Lefkort, Shauna Pickett-Gordon

Sunday, June 25, 2023 10:00 AM  
Service theme for the month: Stories

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, June 25, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

## Centering Thoughts

*“Holiness grows so fast where there is kindness. The world is lost for want of sweetness and kindness.  
Do not forget we need each other.”*

— Mother Teresa

*“We need each other, deeper than anyone ever dares to admit even to themselves. I think it is a genetic imperative that we huddle together and hold onto each other. There is no question in my mind that there is nothing else in life, really, than friendship.”*

— Patch Adams

Mary Teresa Bojaxhiu (1910–97) was an Albanian Catholic nun. She was born in Skopje, North Macedonia, but lived most of her life in India. In 1950, she founded the Missionaries of Charity. Now over 5000 nuns across the world, they live in poverty and vow to give “wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor.” Since 2016, the Catholic Church has known Mother Teresa as Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

Hunter “Patch” Adams (born 1945) is an American physician, social activist, comedian, clown, and author.

## Prelude

Bell Don Ramie

Call To Worship DeAnna Alm

Unison Chalice Lighting DeAnna 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 Jay Steele

Welcome Song *Mr. Lonely* Knuti VanHoven, vocal & lyric adaptation  
Bobby Vinton, 1962 Jo Ann Schriener, piano

Time for all Ages *The Ugly Duckling* Animated film (8:32)  
Walt Disney “Silly Symphony,” 1939

Practice of Generosity (Offering) DeAnna Alm

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<b>Joys and Concerns Invitation</b>		Don Ramie
<b>Song of Reflection</b>	Turn, Turn, Turn Pete Seeger, 1959	Jo Ann Schriener
<b>Shared Joys &amp; Concerns</b>		Don Ramie
<b>Reading / Reflection</b>	The Real <i>Ugly Duckling</i> (Hans Christian Andersen, 1834)	Don Ramie
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>The Swan</i> Camille Saint-Saens, 1886	Jo Ann Schriener
<b>Message</b>	The Silent Nest (When the Fledglings Left)	Don Ramie
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<i>What A Wonderful World</i> G. D. Weiss and B. Thiele	David Lefkort vocals Shauna Pickett-Gordon, piano
<b>Extinguishing the Chalice</b>	#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.	DeAnna Alm
<b>Benediction</b>		Don Ramie

**Next Week's Service: July 2 – "The Sky is Falling! The Sky is Falling!"**

Rev. Paul Langston-Daley will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Kathi Bayne. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Peak Performers will provide our music.

What is happening to our democracy? Banned books, the Dobb's decision, the repeal of child labor laws, a flood of anti trans laws, and Florida's most recent law prohibiting Chinese people from purchasing property in the state. All of this is dangerous, and damaging to democracy. Though recent word from TN supporting free speech was welcome news, the onslaught continues. How dangerous are things really?

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

**Announcements:**

**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.