WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Love's Longing to be Known

Worship Leader: Poetry Group Worship Associate: Mark Rahman

Worship Host: Erik Alm Music: Jay Steele, Drew Wilson, David Johnson, Stephen

Johnson

Sunday, July 9, 2023 10:00 AM Service theme for the month: Visiting

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, July 9, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"I'm a great believer in poetry out of the classroom, in public places, on subways, trains, on cocktail napkins. I'd rather have my poems on the subway than around the seminar table at an MFA program." Billy Collins "Poetry is a political act because it involves telling the truth." June Jordan

"Poetry is an echo, asking a shadow to dance."

Carl Sandburg

"Poetry is like a bird, it ignores all frontiers." "Poetry might be defined as the clear expression of mixed feelings." Yevgeny Yevtushenko W.H. Auden

"When I began to listen to poetry, it's when I began to listen to the stones, and I began to listen to what the clouds had to say, and I began to listen to other. And I think, most importantly for all of us, then you begin to learn to listen to the soul, the soul of yourself in here, which is also the soul of everyone else." Joy Harjo

Prelude

Opening Words The Journey Mary Oliver

Bell Mark Rahman

Colleen Arnold Call To Worship Begin

Brendan Kennelly

Unison Chalice Lighting

Mark Rahman

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 188 Come, Come Whoever You Are Drew Wilson, Jay Steele

Words, Rumi; Music and Arr. Lynn Ungar

The Bixby Bridge Incident Story For All Ages Rev. Greg Ward

Ric Masten

Practice of Generosity (Offering)

Mark Rahman

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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 Mark Rahman

Poems of PraiseThe Special One by BhajiraGraham Belland Poems of PreparationKindness by Naomi Shihab NyeTerri King

Song of Reflection Simple Twist of Fate David Johnson, Stephen Longfield, Jay Steele

Bob Dylan

Shared Joys & Concerns Mark Rahman

Poems of Change Leaden Echo and Golden Echo by Gerard Manley Hopkins Paul Clifford

Metamorphosis John Porter

Musical Interlude Shelter from the Storm David Johnson, Stephen Longfield, Jay Steele

Bob Dylan

Poems as Prayers Prayers for My Daughter by William Butler Yeats Mark Rahman

The Summer Day by Mary Oliver Mary Oliver

Anthem Poem Jay Steele

Yiruma

Poems as Passage Instructions on Not Giving Up by Ada Limón Beth Schaefer

Finisterra by David Whyte

Daniel Miller and Consider

David Whyte

Closing Hymn Hymn #83 Winds Be Still Drew Wilson, Jay Steele

Richard Kimball, Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Extinguishing the Chalice #456 Mark Rahman

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 We Look with Uncertainty by Anne Hillman Terri King

Next Week's Service: July 16 – "General Assembly"

Rev. Barbara Meyers will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Sharon Davis. Worship Host will be Steve

Wallcave. Jay Steele will provide our music.

General Assembly 2023 was eventful with a new UUA President selected, much work on Article II of the UUA bylaws, and some inspiring speeches. Come learn what is happening in your denomination.

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

Announcements:

<u>Children's Chapel - Today and every second Sunday of the month</u> Meet in the service, following the Time for all Ages, any children present will circle up outdoors for a special program just for them. We'll sing some songs, share our "Glads and Sads", read a story, and then enjoy some free play, which will invariably include watering the garden. Parents / grandparents / caregivers are welcome to join us or stay in the service. For more information email our religious education coordinator Ariel.

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.