

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



A Slight Change of Plans

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Worship Associate: Drew Wilson

Worship Host: Graham Bell
Music: Peak Rocks

Sunday, August 20, 2023 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Learning

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, August 20, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

“Never make a plan without knowing as much as you can of the alternatives. Never be afraid to change your plans when you receive new information. Never believe you know everything. And never wait to know everything.” - Robert Jordan

“Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Don’t resist them; that only creates sorrow. Let reality be reality. Let things flow naturally forward in whatever way they like.” - Lao Tzu

“Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.” - James Baldwin

“Failed plans should not be interpreted as failed vision. Visions don’t change, they are refined. Plans rarely stay the same. They are scrapped or adjusted as needed. Be stubborn about the vision, but flexible with your plan.” - John C. Maxwell

“Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?” - Mary Oliver

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Drew Wilson

Unison Chalice Lighting Drew Wilson

Welcome Jay Steele

Welcome Song Wake Now My Senses Peak Rocks
Words, Thomas J.S. Mikelson; Music, Trad. Irish Melody

Time for all Ages Change Sings Read Aloud
Words, Amanda Gorman; Illustrations, Loren Long

Special Collection Fellowship and Community Building Ariel Smith-Iyer

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Drew Wilson

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Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
We will be collecting this once per week.
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Joys and Concerns Invitation Rev. Greg Ward

Song of Reflection Waiting on the World to Change Peak Rocks
John Mayer

Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Greg Ward
Reflection	What are the Great Questions we Raise Amidst Great Change?	Rev. Greg Ward
Anthem	Bright Side of Life Eric Idle	Peak Rocks
Message	A Slight Change of Plans	Rev. Greg Ward
Closing Hymn	There is More Love, Somewhere Trad. African American Spiritual	Peak Rocks
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.	Drew Wilson
Benediction		Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: August 27 – "How to Explain Unitarian Universalist without a Pamphlet"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Mark Rahman. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Jay Steele will provide our music.

Think about those times when someone has seen the flaming chalice pin or necklace you're wearing and asked, 'oh... UU... what's that? What do you say? How do you explain this church? These people? This history? This way of being religious - WITHOUT - telling them everything we're NOT? Come to this service if you want to hear how we claim this faith tradition with excitement and pride! QUESTION: What is Unitarian Universalism?

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

Announcements:

A New to UU class will be held after the service on Sunday, Aug. 27th for people interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation. To sign up or ask any questions you may have about the class, please email membership@mpuuc.org or stop by the Welcome Table.

For those who wish to give to support relief efforts from the devastating fires on Maui, you can find the link in this week's Week on the Peak. (<https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/make-a-gift>)

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. Email com_minister@mpuuc.org, or call 510-796-5722.