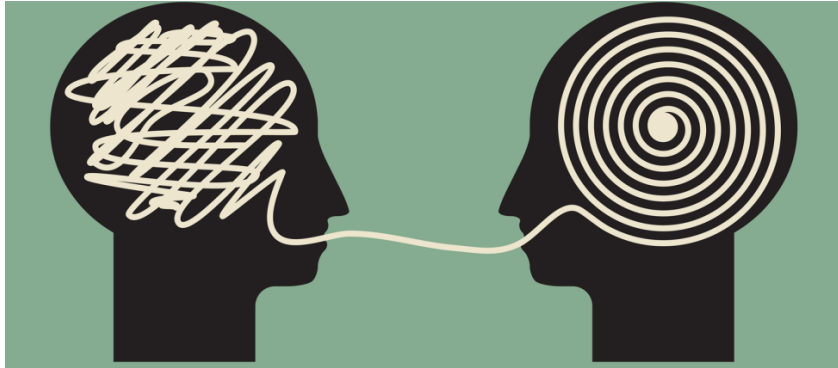


## WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



### Lessons on Listening, Learning and Leadership

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward  
Worship Associate: Don Ramie

Worship Host: Graham Bell  
Music: Peak Rocks

Sunday, September 17, 2023 10:00 AM  
Service theme for the month: Dedication

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, September 17, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

## Centering Thought

- "Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk." Doug Larson
- "Listening is a magnetic and strange thing, a creative force. The friends who listen to us are the ones we move toward. When we are listened to, it creates us, makes us unfold and expand." Karl A. Menniger
- "Listening is being able to be changed by the other person." Alan Alda
- "Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply." Stephen R. Covey
- "You cannot truly listen to anyone and do anything else at the same time." M. Scott Peck

## Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Don Ramie

Unison Chalice Lighting Julie Ganzlin

Welcome Jay Steele

Welcome Song What Other People Say Peak Rocks  
Demi Levato, Geoff Warburton, Tanya Gren and David Lefkort, vocals  
Ryan Williamson and Sam Fischer

Time for all Ages Listen Stories with Tausha  
Words: Gabi Snyder; Illustrations: Stephanie Graegin

Pulpitorial Don Ramie Civic Engagement Letter Writing

## Practice of Generosity

To donate to the [Civic Engagement Letter Writing Project](#)

- Make your check payable to MPUUC with "Vote" in the memo line
- Mail your check to P.O. Box 545 Fremont, CA 94537-0545  
Or use Bill Pay with your bank,  
or drop an envelope with a check in the Mission Peak Office mail slot addressed to: MPUUC
- Pay online at <https://mpuuc.org/contact-us/donate/> with credit or debit card.  
(Note we use PayPal for this and they charge us around 3%).
- All cash in our offering basket goes to fund Outreach (Vote Forward). To have cash go toward your pledge, use an envelope with your name on it that says, 'Pledge'.

Joys and Concerns Invitation Rev. Greg Ward

Song of Reflection What is Truth? Peak Rocks  
Johnny Cash David Lefkort, vocals

Shared Joys & Concerns Rev. Greg Ward

## Reflection

Rev. Greg Ward

## Anthem

On the Turning Away  
David Gilmore

Peak Rocks  
Mark Kahn, vocals

## Message

Lessons on Listening, Learning and Leadership

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## Closing Hymn

Brave  
Sara Bareilles

Peak Rocks  
Mark Kahn, vocals

## Extinguishing the Chalice

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Don Ramie

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: September 24 – "Why Some Apologies Change Everything and Others Change Nothing"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Don Ramie. Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Knuti VanHoven and Jo Ann Schriener will provide our music.

Yom Kippur comes at the culmination of the Days of Awe - a period of time in which we re-align with what we know to be holy and true. It is, ultimately, part of our efforts to write our name in the book of life - enjoy a bright and limitless year ahead. But first, we must reflect, remember, restore and reclaim all the energy we lose to the brokenness that we're part of.

In this service, we will examine the psychology and spirituality of apology to figure out how to begin again.

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

## Announcements:

See <https://mpuuc.org/news/events-calendar/> for calendar of upcoming events!

### Article II Workshop today after service

Please join us for an **Article II Workshop after service today at 11:30 AM.**

Your 2023 UUAGA delegates are going to try to answer many of these questions we hear asked about Article II: What is it? Why are they changing it? What are the current changes? What happens to the 8th Principle? What happens now? How can I influence change?

We look forward to seeing you after service.

### Bring your friends and neighbors to our Fall Festival in and around Cole Hall to celebrate taking care of our planet Earth!

Saturday, September 23rd 1-3pm we will be hosting a Fall Festival. This festival will be an Earth Day type of celebration.

There will be stations of activities (recycle relay, solar pizza oven, pledge to the earth, etc) and tables with info and inspiration, including Urban Forest Friends, Tri City Ecology Center and the Fremont Sustainability Manager, in addition to others, as well as seasonal produce to sample. See <https://mpuuc.org/fall-festival/> or contact Ariel at [dre@mpuuc.org](mailto:dre@mpuuc.org) for more information.

**After the Fall Festival is over Mission Peak UU is hosting an interfaith event.** Saturday, September 23rd from 3-4pm there will be a special service called a **Ritual of Balance for Autumn Equinox**. This service will feature a welcome from Rev Greg and then be co-led by Ariel and a group of leaders from [TCIC](#). There will be poetry and song, along with readings and a special time of meditation, a space to grieve climate change and the precarious place our planet now finds itself. Those in attendance will be given a seed to plant and the opportunity to share seasonal fruits with our interfaith community. See <https://mpuuc.org/fall-festival/> or contact Ariel at [dre@mpuuc.org](mailto:dre@mpuuc.org) for more information.

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