WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Apologies from and for the Soul

Why Some Apologies Change the World and Some Change Nothing

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

Worship Host: Erik Alm
Music: Knuti VanHoven, Jo Ann Schriner, Peak Performers with Drew Wilson

Sunday, September 24, 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. 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 24, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

I sit on a man's back, choking him and making him carry me, and yet assure myself and others that I am very sorry for him and wish to ease his lot by all possible means - except by getting off his back. *Leo Tolstoy*

I recognize that by saying that I'm deeply sorry, it might not be enough to address the pain and the hurt that I have caused you. Therefore, I want to ask for your forgiveness for my actions, and I hope you can find it in your heart to forgive me. *Marion Jones*

Right actions in the future are the best apologies for bad actions in the past. *Tryon Edwards*

It takes a great deal of character strength to apologize quickly out of one's heart rather than out of pity. A person must possess himself and have a deep sense of security in fundamental principles and values in order to genuinely apologize. *Stephen Covey*

"Never ruin an apology with an excuse." *Benjamin Franklin*

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Don Ramie

Unison Chalice Lighting Don Ramie

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 Comfort Me — Knuti VanHoven, vocals and arr.
Mimi Bornstein-Doble — Jo Ann Schriner, piano

Time for all Ages How to Apologize — Storytime
Words by David LaRochelle; Illustrations by Mike Wohnautka

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Don Ramie

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Joys and Concerns Invitation		Rev. Greg Ward
Song of Reflection	Building A New Way Martha Sandefer, arr. Jim Scott	Knuti VanHoven arr. & vocals, Jo Ann Schriner, piano
Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Greg Ward
Reflection		Rev. Greg Ward
Anthem	Forgiveness Matthew West	Knuti VanHoven vocals; Jo Ann Schriner piano
Message	Apologies from and for the Soul	Rev. Greg Ward
Closing Hymn	We Begin Again in Love Rob Eller-Isaacs	Peak Performers with Drew Wilson
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.	Don Ramie
Benediction		Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: October 1 – "The California Reparations Report"

Donald Tamaki will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Peak Performers will provide our music.

In 2020, Gov. Gavin Newsome and the California State Senate and Assembly helped create a Task Force to study the issue of Reparations. It's premise has been to acknowledge and address the systemic inequities experienced by African Americans exacted by 160 years of slavery on today's political, legal, financial, cultural, environmental, social standing and rights. We are blessed to welcome Donald Tamaki, one of the 9 members of the task force to explain its work.

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

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