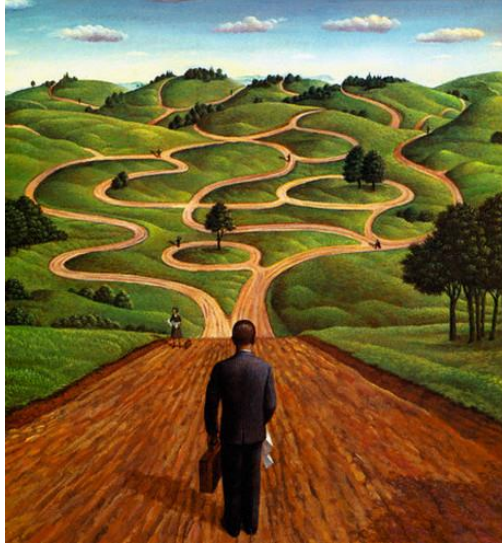


WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Walking the Path that Comes to You

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward and Rev. Jim McKinley
Worship Associate: Rev. Jim McKinley

Worship Host: Graham Bell
Music: Peak Rocks

Sunday, October 15, 2023 10:00 AM

Service theme for the month: The Spiritual Path

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, October 15, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

If in your mind it was possible to take a year's sabbatical from work to reassess your life, what would you do and where would you go? David Whyte

Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime. Mark Twain

I am not the same, having seen the moon shine on the other side of the world. – Mary Ann Radmacher
Why do you go away? So that you can come back. So that you can see the place you came from with new eyes and extra colors. And the people there see you differently, too. Coming back to where you started is not the same as never leaving. Terry Pratchett (From A Hat Full of Sky)

We travel, initially, to lose ourselves; and we travel, next to find ourselves. We travel to open our hearts and eyes and learn more about the world than our newspapers will accommodate. We travel to bring what little we can, in our ignorance and knowledge, to those parts of the globe whose riches are differently dispersed. And we travel, in essence, to become young fools again- to slow time down and get taken in, and fall in love once more. Pico Iyer

All that is gold does not glitter. Not all those who wander are lost. J.R.R. Tolkien (From The Fellowship of the Ring)

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Rev. Jim McKinley

Responsive Chalice Lighting #670 by Edwin Muir Rev. Jim McKinley

Friend, I have lost the way.

The way leads on.

Is there another way?

The way is one.

I must retrace the track.

It's lost and gone.

Back, I must travel back!

None goes there, none.

Then I'll make here my place,

(The road leads on),

Stand still and set my face,

(The road leaps on),

Stay here, for ever stay.

None stays here, none.

I cannot find the way.

The way leads on.

Oh places I have passed!

*That journey's done.
And what will come at last?
The road leads on.*

Welcome		Jay Steele
Welcome Song	Get Together The Youngbloods	Peak Rocks
Time for all Ages	What the Road Said Words by Cleo Wade; Illustrations by Lucie de Moyencourt Piano by Allison Halerz	Read by Cassandra Hartley
Practice of Generosity (Offering)		Rev. Jim McKinley
Please donate generously if you are able, in one of these ways:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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		Rev. Greg Ward
Song of Reflection	You'll Be Back Lin-Manual Miranda	Peak Rocks
Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Greg Ward
Reflection		Rev. Greg Ward
Homily		Rev. Greg Ward
Anthem	On the Road to Find Out Words and Music by Cat Stevens	Peak Rocks
Reflection		Rev. Jim McKinley
Homily		Rev. Jim McKinley
Closing Hymn	I'll Fly Away Albert Brumley	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.	Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: October 22, 2023 – “My Religious Perspective to Life and Love: A Big Picture Orientation”
Rev. Jim McKinley will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Paul K. Davis. Worship Host will be Erik Alm.
Jo Ann Schriener, Knuti VanHoven will provide our music.

I think of religion as a word of orientation. I don't think of it as a boxed set of beliefs. And Unitarian Universalism is the religious tradition and community that best orients and informs my life journey and spiritual practice. I'll introduce a simple organizing understanding I use to give it more form and help guide me on my way. My hopes are that it might also speak to you.

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

Announcements:

[Congregational meeting to be held October 29 after service](#) The congregation will vote on whether to publicly support the statement: *We endorse the overall efforts of the California Reparations Task Force to study reparations for African Americans.* Task Force member Donald Tamaki spoke and answered congregants' questions at our [October 1 service which is available to view at our web site](#). See Week on the Peak for more details.

SAVE THE DATE - THE BLACK & WHITE AUCTION IS NOV. 18 7-9 PM ON ZOOM THIS IS OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER, But first we have the FUDGE-Off. If you are interested in being a Judge or a FUDGE MAKER- email Valerie Stewart at ValerieMPUUC@gmail.com -SOON!!!!

DRUUMM (Diverse & Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries, the oldest and largest UU People of Color Ministry) and UU leadership are requesting that our Mission Peak UU members join many other congregations in completing a survey of ethnicity, gender identity, and ability diversity within our UU congregations. The survey is brief, anonymous, and will be sent to you by Sandra through email. More details will be included in the email. Please help us highlight and document our diversity!

SAVE THE DATE - On **October 28** 7:00pm - 8:30pm in Cole Hall there will be a free film screening and discussion of a film “What I Wish My Parents Knew” that addresses youth suicide and mental health. To RSVP for childcare, contact dre@mpuuc.org.

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.