

## WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



# My Religious Perspective to Life and Love: A Big Picture Orientation

Worship Leader: Rev. Jim McKinley  
Worship Associate: Paul K. Davis

Worship Host: Erik Alm  
Music: Jo Ann Schriener, Knuti VanHoven, Peak Performers

Sunday, October 22, 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](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, October 22, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

## Centering Thoughts

*We are here to abet creation, and to witness to it,  
to notice each other's beautiful face and complex nature  
so that creation need not play to an empty house.*

*- Annie Dillard*

*“May my feet rest firmly on the ground. May my head touch the sky.  
May I see clearly. May I have the capacity to listen.  
May my words be true. May my heart and mind be open.  
May my hands be empty to fill the need. May my arms be open to others.  
May my gifts be revealed to me, so that I may return that which has been given,  
Completing the great circle.”*

*- The Terma Collective*

Prelude

Bell Rev. Jim McKinley

Call To Worship Paul K. Davis

Chalice Lighting Paul K. Davis

Welcome Jay Steele

Welcome Song #124 Be that Guide Knuti VanHoven arr. & vocals  
words Carl G. Seaburg, music Thomas Benjamin Jo Ann Schriener piano

Time for all Ages The Circles All Around Us Read by Mrs. SimonsSays  
Words by Brad Montague and Drawings by Kristi Montague

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Paul K. Davis

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- Drop envelope with check in Mission Peak UU mail slot addressed to:  
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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. Jim McKinley

Song of Reflection Chopin Prelude Op 28 No 15 Jo Ann Schriener

**Shared Joys & Concerns** Rev. Jim McKinley

**Reading / Reflection** Rev. Jim McKinley  
#537 in Singing the Living Tradition  
Written by Maria Mitchell, first American woman professional astronomer.

From "Engaging Our Theological Diversity"  
- a Report of the UUA Commission on Appraisal  
- excerpt by Professor David Bumbaugh

**Anthem** Peak Performers  
Imagine  
John Lennon, arr. Jay Althouse

**Message** Rev. Jim McKinley  
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**Closing Hymn** Peak Performers  
#1064 Blue Boat Home  
words: Peter Mayer, music Roland Hugh Prichard  
adapted by Mayer, arr by Jason Shelton

**Extinguishing the Chalice** Paul K. Davis  
#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.

**Benediction** Rev. Jim McKinley

**Next Week's Service: October 29, 2023 – "A Spiritual Facelift"**

Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. Worship Host will be Graham Bell. Jay Steele will provide our music.

Our UU tradition encourages lifelong spiritual growth, even including that encouragement among the seven principles. But just what does spiritual growth look like? If you described how you have grown spiritually since becoming a UU, what would your description say? This service reflects what we might mean when we speak of spiritual growth and how that shapes our choices, as individuals and as congregations.

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

**Announcements:**

There's a **Halloween Party this Friday** for Mission Peak members and friends. October 27 at sundown (6:14). Pizza will be served. Don Ramie's spooky house at 35982 Cabral Dr., Fremont 94536. Costumes optional. Bring any special drinks you like.

**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.

**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 website. 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. BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW! AND PLEASE SIGN-UP FOR YOUR AUCTION ITEM CONTRIBUTION - the forms are available in the WEEK ON THE PEAK or the MPUUC WEBSITE

There is still time to be a Judge! email Valerie Stewart at [ValerieMPUUC@gmail.com](mailto:ValerieMPUUC@gmail.com) -

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