

# WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



## The Chalice of Our Being: a Spiritual Compass

Worship Leader: Rev. Jim McKinley  
Worship Associate: Don Ramie

Worship Host: Erik Alm  
Music: Peak Performers

Sunday, November 5, 2023 10:00 AM  
Service theme for the month: **Welcome**

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, November 5, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

## Centering Thoughts

*Until I understand where I am, I can't get to where I am going.*

*This is the value of a compass when we are out walking or hiking or need to know we're going in the right direction.*

*- John C Maxwell*

*But also we have an internal North star. It's that little nudge that tells us if we're on the right path. ... So my advice to you is, pull out that compass every once in a while and make sure you are navigating in the right direction on your Journey.*

*-John C Maxwell*

*We are asleep with compasses in our hands.*

*-W. S. Merwin*

*Loosely bound, By countless silken ties of love and thought*

*To everything on earth the compass round.*

*-Robert Frost*

*Each morning we must hold out the chalice of our being to receive, to carry, and to give back.*

*-Doug Hammar skjold, #455 in Singing the Living Tradition*

## Prelude

**Bell** Rev. Jim McKinley

**Call To Worship** Don Ramie

**Chalice Lighting** Don Ramie

**Welcome** Beth Schaefer

**Welcome Song** 21 For the Beauty of the Earth Peak Performers,  
Words, F.S. Pierpoint; music, Conrad Kocher conducted by Von Bringhurst

**Time for all Ages** God's Hat Rev. Jim McKinley  
Rev. Chris Buice

**Practice of Generosity (Offering)** Don Ramie

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P.O. Box 545 Fremont, CA 94537-0545  
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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** First Arabesque Von Bringhurst  
Claude Debussy

<b>Shared Joys &amp; Concerns</b>		Rev. Jim McKinley
<b>Reading / Reflection</b>	<p>“The compass rose...” Vera Nazarian</p> <p>“Lost” David Waggoner</p>	Rev. Jim McKinley
<b>Anthem</b>	<p>One Candle Andy Beck</p>	Peak Performers
<b>Message</b>	The Chalice of Our Being: a Spiritual Compass	Rev. Jim McKinley
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<p>1018 Come and Go with Me Words and music: African American spiritual; arr. Kenny Smith</p>	Peak Performers, conducted by Von Bringhurst
<b>Extinguishing the Chalice</b>	<p>#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.</p>	Don Ramie
<b>Benediction</b>		Rev. Jim McKinley

**Next Week’s Service: November 12 – “Hope That Works”**

Rev, Jim McKinley will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Drew Wilson. Worship Host will be David Gibbons. Jay Steele will provide our music.

The accent is on "works". The title is not a wish, but a statement. We'll share an understanding of hope for right now, hope-in; hope that makes a real difference and brings true joy into every day whether in the face of climate change, illness, politics or the simple overwhelm of too much. Hope-in that resides within our larger hopes and fears is a practice "at the core of who we are already."

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

**Announcements:**

**THE BLACK & WHITE AUCTION IS NOV. 18 7-9 PM ON ZOOM.** THIS IS OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER, BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!- the forms are available in the WEEK ON THE PEAK or the MPUUC WEBSITE

Two more fellowship opportunities in Nov: a potluck dinner to celebrate the South Asian holiday of Diwali (pronounced deeVALee) on Sat Nov 11th. There will be food from local restaurant Shalimar and a small art project so we're requiring an rsvp. Check WOP for how to rsvp.

And instead of Black Friday, how about Green Friday! Nov 24th all are invited to a byo picnic lunch at a location tbd, somewhere under the trees and not far from parking and restrooms. Please plan to join us if you're in town! Stay tuned for location details.

**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.