

# WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



## Hope That Works

Worship Leader: Rev. Jim McKinley  
Worship Associate: Drew Wilson

Worship Host: David Gibbons  
Music: Jay Steele

**Sunday, November 12, 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 12, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

## Centering Thoughts

*“Hope” is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul  
and sings the tune without the words- and never stops -at all.”* - Emily Dickinson  
*“I almost think that hope is for the soul what breathing is for the living organism. Where hope is lacking,  
the soul dries up and withers.”* -Gabriel Marcel in *Homo Viator: Introduction to the Metaphysic of Hope*  
*“I hope in thee for us.”* -Gabriel Marcel, his best formulation of hope  
*“Hope is generative, despair is not.”* -Terri King

**Prelude** “Cover Me in Sunshine” by Maureen McDonald and Amy Allen *Jay and Jessica Steele*

**Bell** Rev. Jim McKinley and friends

**Call To Worship** Drew Wilson

**Chalice Lighting** Ariel Smith-Iyer and Rev. Jim McKinley

**Welcome** Valerie Stewart

**Welcome Song** 1015 I Know I Can *Jay and Jessica Steele*  
words by Dennis Hamilton; music by Jeannie Gagne

**Time for all Ages** Higgins: a Drop With a Dream *Ariel Smith-Iyer*  
Rev. Chris Buice

Singing the Children into the Day *Ariel Smith-Iyer and Jay and Jessica Steele*  
*“Cover me in sunshine, Shower me with good times, Tell me that the world's been spinning since the beginning  
And everything will be alright. Cover me in sunshine”*

**Pulpitorial Supporting Guest at Your Table** Foundation for Justice and the Democratic Rule of Law  
National TPS Alliance  
Alliance for Black Justice in Poland

**Practice of Generosity (Offering)** *Drew Wilson*

**Please donate generously if you are able, in one of these ways:**

- 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. Jim McKinley*

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| <b>Song of Reflection</b>         | 1002 Comfort Me<br>by Mimi Bornstein-Doble   | Jay and Jessica Steele            |
| <b>Shared Joys &amp; Concerns</b> |  | Rev. Jim McKinley                 |
| <b>Reading / Reflection</b>       | from Homo Viator<br>by Gabriel Marcel<br>That's Where the Hope Comes From by Greg Greenway<br>Wild Geese by Mary Oliver  | Rev. Jim McKinley                 |
| <b>Anthem</b>                     | It's a Mighty Long Way<br>by Greg Greenway   | Drew Wilson and Rev. Jim McKinley |
| <b>Message</b>                    | "Hope That Works"  | Rev. Jim McKinley                 |
| <b>Closing Hymn</b>               | 1007 There's a River Flowin' in My Soul<br>By Rose Sanders   | Jay and Jessica Steele            |
| <b>Extinguishing the Chalice</b>  | #456<br>We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,<br>the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.<br>These we carry in our hearts until we are together again. | Drew Wilson                       |
| <b>Benediction</b>                |  | Rev. Jim McKinley                 |

**Next Week's Service: November 19 – "Preoccupied"**

Rev. Jim McKinley will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Mark Rahman. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Peak Rocks will provide our music.

We often feel like our lives are being taken over by outside events and influences. The Sunday before Thanksgiving marks the onset of the likelihood of added holiday season stress and alienation. With gratitude, appreciation and mindful reflection we can reoccupy ourselves and share in the fullness around us.

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!

**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.

**Mark your calendars for the return of the cookie decorating party** here on Sat Dec 9th from 3-5pm. In addition to cookies, our choir director Von will be here on the piano to play holiday songs for all ages. RSVP encouraged. Reach out to Lisa Newstrom or Ariel with questions.

**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.