

## WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



### Guest at Your Table

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto  
**Worship Associate:** Kathi Bayne

**Worship Host:** Erik Alm  
**Music:** Peak Performers

**Sunday, November 26, 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 26, 2023 10-11:15 a.m.

## Centering Thought

*The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee advances human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies. Its work is grounded in the belief that all people have inherent power and dignity.*

*Striving to center the voices of people most affected by injustice, UUSC creates eye-to-eye relationships with frontline grassroots movements across the world that support marginalized communities in determining their steps for the future.*

*UUSC focuses its work on intersecting roots of injustice to defend rights at risk due to criminalization and systemic oppression of people based on their identity.*

*UUSC supports self-determination and defends the rights of people displaced due to climate, conflict or economic hardships. It responds to humanitarian crises as partners with people whose access to aid is most limited.*

## Prelude

## Bell

## Call To Worship

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

## Chalice Lighting

Out of the Flame  
Rev. Sara Eileen LaWall

Kathi Bayne

## Welcome

Jay Steele

## Welcome Song

Hymn #134 Our World is One World  
Words and Music by Cecily Taylor

Peak Performers

## Time for all Ages

Sophia's Guest  
Becky Brooks

Kathi Bayne

## Share the Plate

Guest at Your Table

Kathi Bayne

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

- Mail check to Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation ( with "GAYT" in the memo line. P.O. Box 545 Fremont, CA 94537-0545  
(If you use Bill Pay with your bank, you could use them to mail the check) If you are making a pledge, please indicate "pledge" on the memo line.
- 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. Choose "Special" as the donation type. Please state for "GAYT" in the message. (Note: 3% surcharge).

## Song of Reflection

The Road Home  
Stephen Paulus from an old Southern Harmony Tune Directed by Shauna Pickett-Gordon

Peak Performers

Shared Joys & Concerns

Beth Schaefer

Reading / Reflection To the People Who Have Mistaken Freedom for Liberation  
Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto

Kathi Bayne

Anthem Imagine  
John Lennon

Peak Performers  
Directed by Von Bringhurst

Message Pursuing Liberation

Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto

Closing Hymn Draw the Circle Wide  
Words by Gordon Light; Music by Mark Miller

Peak Performers

Extinguishing the Chalice #456

Kathi Bayne

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. Julián Jamaica Soto

**Next Week's Service: December 3 – "You Gotta Own It"**

Rev. Jim McKinley will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Paul K. Davis. Worship Host will be David Gibbons. Peak Performers will provide our music.

My daughter shared that insight in the middle of our raft trip of 24 days through the Grand Canyon in December, 2019. It was cold. I was suffering and the Canyon is the ultimate "no way out only through" experience. "Ya gotta own it, Dad," where "own" is embrace and love and "it" is me, who I am here and now. That "a-hah" moment and phrase have become my guide, touchstone and koan in more adventure, study, personal growth and then the solitude, isolation, limitations and disruption of navigating the pandemic. My hope is that our reflections together reveal a helpful touchstone or two for you as we enter this Holiday season together.

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

**Announcements:**

**The 2nd annual cookie decorating party** is planned for Sat Dec 9th from 3-5pm. Please consider joining in the fun by bringing a dozen plain cookies. We'll have the sprinkles and icing and Von will be here to lead us in holiday songs. RSVP encouraged, see WOP for more info or reach out to [Lisa Newstrom](#) or Ariel.

**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.