

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



The Gift(s) We Are

Worship Leader: Rev. Jim McKinley
Worship Associate: Sharon Davis

Worship Host: Erik Alm
Music: Jay Steele

Sunday, December 10, 2023 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Fear Not!

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

Centering Thoughts

“To feel valued for the gifts with which we are born affirms our worth and dignity. In a sense, it is a form of spiritual employment - simply being who we are confirms our place in the village. That is one of the fundamental understandings about gifts: we can only offer them by being ourselves fully.” - Francis Weller

“We have to be at home with ourselves before we can be at home with others.” - Krista Tippet

“Here is what is truly at the heart of wholeheartedness. Worthy now, not if, not when, we’re worthy of love and belonging now. Right this minute. As is.” - Brene Brown

“A candle is a small thing. But one candle can light another. And see how its own light increases, as a candle gives its flame to the other. You are such a light.” - Moshe Davis, Hanukkah quote

Prelude Jay Steele

Bell Rev. Jim McKinley

Call To Worship Sharon Davis

Chalice Lighting Sharon Davis

Welcome Valerie Stewart

Welcome Song Jay Steele
221 Light One Candle
Words and music by Peter Yarrow, arrangement by Betty A. Wylder

Time for all Ages Ariel Smith-Iyer
The Day You Begin
Written by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael Lopez

Children’s Recessional Jay Steele
118 This Little Light of Mine
Words and music: African American spiritual

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Sharon Davis

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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 Jay and Jessica Steele
Girls of the Waterfront
Composed by Jessica Steele

Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Jim McKinley
Reading / Reflection		Rev. Jim McKinley
Anthem	Here I Am Composed by GRETCHEN PETERS, BRYAN ADAMS and HANS ZIMMER	Jay and Jessica Steele
Message	The Gift(s) We Are	Rev. Jim McKinley
Closing Hymn	1053 How Could Anyone Words and music by Libby Roderick	Jay Steele
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.	Sharon Davis
Benediction		Rev. Jim McKinley

Next Week's Service: December 17 – "Letting Go of Our Dearest Illusion"

Rev. Chris Schriener will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Drew Wilson. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Peak Rocks will provide our music.

We think we know who we are. But our self-concept, self-image, self-script may have evolved without much reflection or revision, starting when we were very young. I am 80. If I'm ever going to see through this illusory, imaginary self, the time is now. Today I'll say a little about my efforts to look beyond the story I've believed about myself. I'll also invite you to look at your story, and what may await you if you learn to see beyond it.

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

Announcements:

Christmas Eve There will be no Sunday morning service Dec. 24th. Please join us instead for our Christmas eve service at 5PM on the 24th!

The cookie decorating and holiday singalong party was *this* Saturday, here in Cole Hall from 3-5pm. Von will be here to lead us in song. Children are welcome to come early for an optional singing practice session. 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, or call 510-796-5722.