

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Now We Are Six

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Worship Associate: Drew Wilson

Worship Host: Melissa Holmes
Music: Knuti VanHoven, Jo Ann Schriener

Sunday, January 28, 2024 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Epiphany

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, January 28, 2024 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

Most people don't grow up. Most people age. They find parking spaces, honor their credit cards, get married, have children, and call that maturity. What that is, is aging. Maya Angelou
Growing up is hard. Otherwise everyone would do it. Kim Harrison
It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are. E. E. Cummings
I don't think I'd have been in such a hurry to reach adulthood if I'd known the whole thing was going to be adlibbed. Bill Watterson
What you have become is the price you paid to get what you used to want. Mignon McLaughlin

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Drew Wilson

Chalice Lighting Drew Wilson

Welcome Beth Schaefer

Welcome Song 346 – Come Sing a Song with Me Knuti VanHoven, vocals
Composed by Carolyn McDade Jo Ann Schriner, piano

Time for all Ages Reflections on 'Now We Are Six' Rev. Greg Ward
A.A. Milne

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Drew Wilson

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- 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. Greg Ward

Song of Reflection High Hopes Knuti VanHoven, vocals
written by Sammy Cahn and Jimmy Van Heusen Jo Ann Schriner, piano

Shared Joys & Concerns Rev. Greg Ward

Reading / Reflection You Be Glad at that Star! Rev. Greg Ward
Rev. Dr. Clarke Wells

Anthem	Now We Are Six Written by Knuti VanHoven based on the original poem by A.A. Milne	Knuti VanHoven, vocals
Message	Now We Are Six	Rev. Greg Ward
Closing Hymn	I Seek the Spirit of the Child Words by Carl Seaburg; Music from an Old Sussex Carol	Knuti VanHoven, vocals Jo Ann Schriner, piano
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.	Drew Wilson
Benediction		Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: February 4 – "The Lovers, the Dreamers and Me"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Paul K. Davis. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Jay Steele, Jessica Steele and David Johnson will provide our music.

So much about the world as it will someday be, requires us to imagine it and dream it into existence. The world of today is filled with conveniences, inventions and technologies that are simply the dreams of our forebears that they pursued beyond the limits of imagination. And yet, also part of today is the reality of war, the poisoning of the planet, the political and ideological polarization that has spread into despair all over the world. How does love become real and dreams a reality in a world that has become so disillusioned?

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

Announcements:

A New to UU class will be held after the service today. It is a chance for people who are new to Unitarian Universalism and to Mission Peak UU Congregation to learn more about the denomination and about our particular congregation. It will also be a chance for participants to share their stories and to ask any questions. The class runs about 2 hours and food will be provided.

Our 'Year to Live' class - facilitated by Rev. Greg and Terri King - kicked off this past week. It is a values clarifying, integrity building opportunity based on the book, A Year to Live, by Stephen Levine. It meets online on the 4th Thursdays at 6:30 pm. If you had meant to sign up, we are allowing latecomers who commit before the February class. Contact Rev. Greg or Terri if you're interested.

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.