

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



How Am I Loving the Essence of the Moment Right Now?

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Worship Associate: Sharon Davis

Worship Host: David Johnson, Steve Wallcave
Music: Von Bringhurst and Peak Performers

Sunday, March 10, 2024 10:00 AM

Service theme for the month: Consideration

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 welcoming@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, March 10, 2024 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

We're born alone, we live alone, we die alone. Only through our love and friendship can we create the illusion for the moment that we're not alone. Orson Welles

Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity. Henry Van Dyke

Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile. Franklin P. Jones

You can search throughout the entire universe for someone who is more deserving of your love and affection than you are yourself, and that person is not to be found anywhere. You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe deserve your love and affection. Buddha

Love does not consist in gazing at each other, but in looking outward together in the same direction. Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Sharon Davis

Chalice Lighting Sharon Davis

Welcome Kathi Bayne

Welcome Song 34 Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire Peak Performers
Words, Hal H. Hopson (drawn from 1 Corinthians) Directed by Von Bringhurst
Music Trad. English Melody

Time for all Ages Ariel Smith-Iyer

Pulpitorial Sunrise Village - ABODE Services

Share the Plate (Offering) Sharon Davis

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Joys and Concerns Invitation		Rev. Greg Ward
Song of Reflection	Music for Piano and Recorder	Joshua Gray Von Bringhurst
Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Greg Ward
Reading and Reflection	Turtle in the Road Faith Shearin	Rev. Greg Ward
Anthem	Sakura Words: Edwin Markham; Music: Japanese Folk Song; Traditional, arr. M. Scott	Peak Performers Directed by Von Bringhurst
Message	How Am I Loving the Essence of the Moment Right Now	Rev. Greg Ward
Closing Hymn	1029 Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear Words, Daniel Charles Damon; Music, Trad. shape note song	Peak Performers Directed by Von Bringhurst
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. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: March 17 – "Community and Canvass Celebration"

John Schaefer, Julie Ganzlin and Stewardship Team will lead the service. Worship Host will be Melissa Holmes. Various MPUUC musicians will provide our music.

This will be a service about celebrating what we love about MPUUC and the many things we do to share that love and build community. We will use a variety of heartfelt appreciations and testimonies to kick off our annual canvass where we ask everyone to deeply consider how they will contribute to Mission Peak becoming the best community possible during the 2024-25 year. The service will be followed by snacks and further appreciations of what Mission Peak means to us.

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

Announcements:

Congregational Conversation after Service today This morning, after service, the Committee on Ministry will be hosting the follow up to our January post-sabbatical Congregational Conversation We will explore the questions posed, 'If, one year from now, we looked on the front page of the regional news and saw an article on MPUUC what would it describe? If it had a picture, what would it show? If you were quoted, what would you say?'

There will be a potluck dinner Sat March 23rd at 6:00 pm. Please plan to come!

Sunday, March 24 after the service: All are welcome to a "Welcome Shower" for Sergio's wife and two children (Yadira, Sergito and Johandry), who are newly arrived from Nicaragua.

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We're also hosting a couple of Parent Night Out events. The first one is Saturday March 30th. Members or friends of MPUUC are welcome to drop their children for a free night of childcare. RSVP is required. This evening will also have a short workshop on storytelling led by Rev. Greg. Anyone who would like to hone their skills and then come practice on the kids is welcome.

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.