

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Holy Fool's Day

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward

Worship Host: Steve Wallcave

Worship Associate: Paul K. Davis

Music: Jessica Steele, Jo Ann Schriener, David

Multigenerational Chapel: Ariel Smith-Iyer

Johnson

Sunday, March 31, 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 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, March 31, 2024 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

'The fool really became the instructor of kings because he was careless of the king's opinion, careless of the king's power; and the king allowed this because he got wisdom from this uncontrolled source. The fool is the breakthrough of the absolute into the field of controlled social orders.' Joseph Campbell

'The experience and understanding of the Fool is part of our own spiritual journey. We come to know the Fool when we visit the outcast, the abandoned, this dispossessed and those with nothing left to lose. They are the ones courageous enough to speak truth to power.' Bill Moyers

'The fool is the precursor to the savior.' Carl Jung

Prelude Jo Ann Schriener

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Paul K. Davis

Chalice Lighting Paul K. Davis

Welcome Valerie Stewart

Welcome Song Hymn #61 Lo, The Earth Awakes Again Jessica Steele and Jo Ann Schriener
Samuel Longfellow and Lyra Davidica

Time for all Ages To Stand and Sing Rev. Greg Ward and Ariel Smith-Iyer

Testimonial / Pulpitorial DeAnna Alm

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Paul K. Davis

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- Mail check to Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
P.O. Box 545 Fremont, CA 94537-0545
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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. Greg Ward

Song of Reflection One of Us Jessica Steele and David Johnson
Eric Bazilian

Shared Joys & Concerns Rev. Greg Ward

Reading and Reflection Fools
by Lynn Ungar Rev. Greg Ward

Anthem If I Die Young Jessica Steele and David Johnson
Kimberly Perry

Message Holy Fool's Day Rev. Greg Ward

Closing Hymn Hymn #36 When In Our Music Jessica Steele and Jo Ann Schriener
Fred Pratt Green and Charles Villiers Stanford

Extinguishing the Chalice #456 Paul K. Davis
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. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: April 7 – "The Value of Care is Invaluable"

Rev. Terra Collier-Young will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associates Sharon Davis and Drew Wilson.
Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Von Bringhurst and Peak Performers will provide our music.

What is most valuable in our culture cannot be monetized because care, tenderness, service, and loving kindness are beyond the designation of dollars and cents. They are the currency of the heart and soul.

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

Announcements:

On four consecutive Wednesday evenings starting April 24th at 6:30 pm we will hold a book discussion group for Mistakes and Miracles, written by Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones and Karen Lin. This will be facilitated by our ARO team. Co-Author, Karen Lin, was a member of MPUUC for some time. She included in the book some experiences she had of microaggressions here at MPUUC (not naming the congregation). We will be exploring what we've learned since that time and ways we can put our learnings into practice. Talk to Kathi Bayne, Rev. Barbara or Rev. Greg if you are interested (or sign up on Week on the Peak).

There has been a sighting of the Easter bunny in the vicinity and just to make sure we are part of the magic, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the service this morning.

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.