WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



The Value of Care is Invaluable

Worship Leader: Rev. Terra Collier-Young | **Worship Host: Erik Alm**
Worship Associate: Sharon Davis and Drew Wilson | **Music: Von Bringhurst and Peak Performers**

Sunday, April 7, 2024 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Initiative

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, April 7, 2024 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"The trees which are pruned, watered and nurtured by caring hands bear the greatest fruits; it is the same with people."
— Bryant McGill

"Living is the art of loving. Loving is the art of caring. Caring is the art of sharing. Sharing is the art of living. If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else." *— Booker T. Washington*

"Civility is the art and act of caring for others." *— Deborah King*

"The loving parts of your personality have no trouble loving. That is all they do. You experience the loving parts of gratitude, appreciation, caring, patience, contentment and awe of life." *— Gary Zukav*

"I worry that business leaders are more interested in material gain than they are in having the patience to build up a strong organization, and a strong organization starts with caring for their people." *— John Wooden*

Prelude Von Bringhurst

Bell Rev. Terra Collier-Young

Call To Worship Sharon Davis

Chalice Lighting Sharon Davis

Welcome Jay Steele

Welcome Song #1031 Loving Kindness, Ian Riddell — Peak Performers under the direction of Von Bringhurst

Time for all Ages Dances of Universal Peace, Jim Moore — Rev. Terra Collier-Young

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Drew Wilson

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  P.O. Box 545 Fremont, CA 94537-0545
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- 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 Drew Wilson

Music for Reflection Variations on a Hymn — Von Bringhurst

Shared Joys & Concerns Drew Wilson

Reading / Reflection	"Beloved is Where We Begin" Jan Richardson	Rev. Terra Collier-Young
Anthem	Climb Every Mountain Rogers and Hammerstien Arranged by John Higgins and Emily Crocker	Peak Performers Under the direction of Von Bringhurst
Message	The Value of Care is Invaluable	Rev. Terra Collier-Young
Closing Song	#128 For All That is Our Life Words, Bruce Findlow; Music, Patrick Rickey	Peak Performers under the direction of 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	Holding Our Hearts	Rev. Terra Collier-Young

Next Week's Service: April 14 – "Babies, Bathwater and the Belonging that's our Birthright"
Rev. Greg Ward and Ariel Smith-Iyer will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. Worship Host will be Melissa Holmes. Jay Steele will provide our music.

According to the Christian calendar, it was shortly after Jesus appeared to the grieving disciples that they began the diaspora to share the 'good news.' Each of the remaining disciples was sent out with the task of gathering people to form communities. But it was Paul who had the real knack for community building. This sermon will focus on how Paul - despite his many shortcomings - managed to take some of Jesus' teachings of radical acceptance and turn them into a realized form of the beloved community.

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. Included in the book are some accounts of microaggressions experienced 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).

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.