WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Babies, Bathwater and Belonging

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward and Ariel Smith-Iyer **Worship Host: Melissa Holmes**
Worship Associate: Rev. Barbara Meyers **Music: Jessica and Jay Steele**

Sunday, April 14, 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 14, 2024 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"Each indecision brings its own delays and days are lost lamenting over lost days...what you can do or think you can do, begin it. For boldness has magic, power, and genius in it." *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

"A man must be big enough to admit his mistakes, smart enough to profit from them, and strong enough to correct them. " *John C. Maxwell*

"There are only two mistakes one can make along the road to truth; not going all the way, and not starting." *Buddha*

"He who asks a question is a fool for five minutes. He who does not ask a question remains a fool forever. Chinese proverb

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Rev. Barbara Meyers

Chalice Lighting Rev. Barbara Meyers

Welcome Beth Schaefer

Pulpitorial John Schaefer and Julie Ganzlin

Welcome Song Hymn # 1018 Come and Go With Me
Trad. African American Spiritual — Jessica and Jay Steele

Time for all Ages What Does it Mean to Throw the Baby Out with the Bathwater? — Rev. Greg Ward and Ariel Smith-Iyer

Testimonial Community Housing Development Corporation

Share the Plate (Offering) Rev. Barbara Meyers
Please donate generously to our Share the Plate Recipient
The Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC)
There are three ways you can donate:

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Joys and Concerns Invitation Rev. Greg Ward

Song of Reflection Heart of the Matter
Don Henley — Jessica and Jay Steele

Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Greg Ward
Reflection		Rev. Greg Ward
Anthem	Alter Me Jessica Steele	Jessica and Jay Steele
Message	Babies, Bathwater and Belonging	Rev. Greg Ward
Closing Hymn	Hymn # 1008 When Our Heart is in a Holy Place Joyce Poley	Jessica and 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.	Rev. Barbara Meyers
Benediction		Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: April 21 – "Seven Stories to Liberation"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate, Don Ramie. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Peak Rocks will provide our music.

Although almost all people who have really considered it are drawn to the idea of Beloved Community, many modern theologians argue it is not a straight line from oppression to liberation. There is an evolution involved. Brian McLaren, Richard Rohr and other theologians think of it as the need to try on and tell ourselves successive stories that we attempt to embody until we recognize the limits of each story. What are these stories and which one are we in as we set our sights on an embodied and liberating love?

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

Announcements:

Community Housing Development Corporation of North Richmond (CHDC-NR) is a well rated 501(c)3 organization that is working for a more equitable future by helping Bay Area black families purchase and keep their homes. This is being done through down payment assistance, closing cost assistance, and financial management education. Please help support CHDC by sharing our plate.

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. 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.