

## WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



### A Promise, Time and Circumstance Walk Into a Bar...

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward  
Worship Associate: Mark Rahman

Worship Host: Melissa Holmes  
Music: Von Bringham and Peak Performers

**Sunday, May 5, 2024 10:00 AM**  
**Service theme for the month: Reverence**

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](mailto: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, May 5, 2024 10-11:15 a.m.

## Centering Thought

*"Making and keeping promises to ourselves precedes making and keeping promises to others.... it is futile to put personality ahead of character, to try to improve relationships with others before improving ourselves."*

Stephen R. Covey, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*

*"The woods are lovely, dark and deep, But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep, And miles to go before I sleep."*

Robert Frost, *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*

*"It makes my heart sick when I remember all the good words and all the broken promises."*

Chief Joseph

*"My promise was the price I had to pay for being born. That's all you need to know."*

Sejal Badani, *The Storyteller's Secret*

*"Dorothy said nothing. Oz had not kept the promise he made her, but he had done his best. So she forgave him. As he said, he was a good man, even if he was a bad Wizard."*

L. Frank Baum, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*

## Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Mark Rahman

Chalice Lighting Mark Rahman

Welcome Kathi Bayne

Welcome Song What Gift Can We Bring? Peak Performers  
Jane Marshall Directed by Von Bringhurst

Time for all Ages Tadpole's Promise Storytime with Lydia  
Written by Jeanne Willis; Illustrated by Tony Ross

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Mark Rahman

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Joys and Concerns Invitation Rev. Greg Ward

Song of Reflection Sing and Rejoice Peak Performers  
Traditional round Directed by Von Bringhurst

Shared Joys & Concerns Rev. Greg Ward

Homily	Inheriting Promises	Rev. Greg Ward
Anthem	Ubi Caritas Maurice Durufle	Peak Performers Directed by Von Bringhurst
Homily	Making and Keeping Promises	Rev. Greg Ward
Closing Song	Just as Long as I have Breath Words by Alicia Carpenter and Music by Johann Ebeling	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.	Mark Rahman
Benediction		Rev. Greg Ward

**Next Week's Service: May 12 – "Connected by Care"**

Rev. Greg Ward and Ariel Smith-Iyer will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Jay and Jessica Steele will provide our music.

We are each a one-of-a-kind assortment of unique insights, experiences, feelings, needs, hopes and dreams. These insights and experiences can - and sometimes do - move through the world without being fully integrated into a unified person - just as people can move through the world without being fully integrated into community. But, we are connected by care and made whole by love. Come to this multigenerational experience to explore how care connects us.

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

**Announcements:**

On May 12 from 6:30 - 8:30 there will be Echoes in Art, Grief and Hope Yom HaShoa (Holocaust Remembrance) Service at [Temple Beth Torah](#). [Register by May 9th](#) by performing a google search for Echoes in Art, Grief and Hope or see Rev. Greg or Rev. Barbara 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](mailto:com_minister@mpuuc.org), or call 510-796-5722.