

## WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



## Stories that Remind Us of the Mothers We Need

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward and Ariel Smith-Iyer

Worship Host: Steve Wallcave

Worship Associate: Rev. Barbara Meyers

Music: Jay and Jessica Steele

Sunday, May 12, 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 12, 2024 10-11:15 a.m.

## Centering Thought

*“When you are a mother you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother thinks twice, once for herself and once for her child.”* Sophia Loren

*“To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power.”* Maya Angelou

*“Motherhood is the biggest gamble in the world. It is the glorious life force. It’s huge and scary – it’s an act of infinite optimism.”* Gilda Radner

*“There’s no way to be a perfect mother and a million ways to be a good one.”* Jill Churchill

## Prelude

Bell Rev. Barbara Meyers

How to Build the Mothers We Need Part I - Affirming Connector Ariel Smith-Iyer

Chalice Lighting Ariel Smith-Iyer

Welcome Beth Schaefer

Welcome Song Hymn #1040, Hush Jay and Jessica Steele  
Traditional, arr. Jason Shelton

How to Build the Mothers We Need Part II - Brave Protector Rev. Greg Ward

Testimony Chris Norwood  
Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association

Share the Plate (Offering) Rev. Barbara Meyers

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Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association (SNA) “Milpitas Juneteenth – Unity In Community Celebration”

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We will be collecting this once per week.
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How to Build the Mothers We Need Part III - Nurture and Repair Rev. Greg Ward

Joys and Concerns Invitation Rev. Greg Ward

<b>Song of Reflection</b>	Danny's Song Kenny Loggins	Jay and Jessica Steele
<b>Shared Joys &amp; Concerns</b>		Ariel Smith-lyre and Rev. Greg Ward
<b>How to Build the Mothers We Need Part IV - Autonomy and Allowance</b>		Ariel Smith-lyre
<b>Anthem</b>	This Woman's Work Kate Bush	Jay and Jessica Steele
<b>How to Build the Mothers We Need Part V - Creative Play and Helping You Find Your Place</b>		Rev. Greg Ward
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	Hymn #1012, When I Am Frightened Shelley Jackson Denham	Jay and Jessica Steele
<b>Extinguishing the Chalice</b>	#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.	Ariel Smith-lyer
<b>Benediction</b>		Rev. Greg Ward

**Next Week's Service: May 19 – "Enthusiasmos"**

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

Theology is like art. Once you imagine a picture inside you, it wants to emerge and become real. But when the art within you is telling a story about beauty and worth, and the world around you is telling a story of domination, control, poverty, and hunger, it can be confusing. Using the determined and expressive life of Vincent Van Gogh, we will explore what it means to see the world in color and vibrancy and, by doing so, change the world into something more beautiful.

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

**Announcements:**

**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.