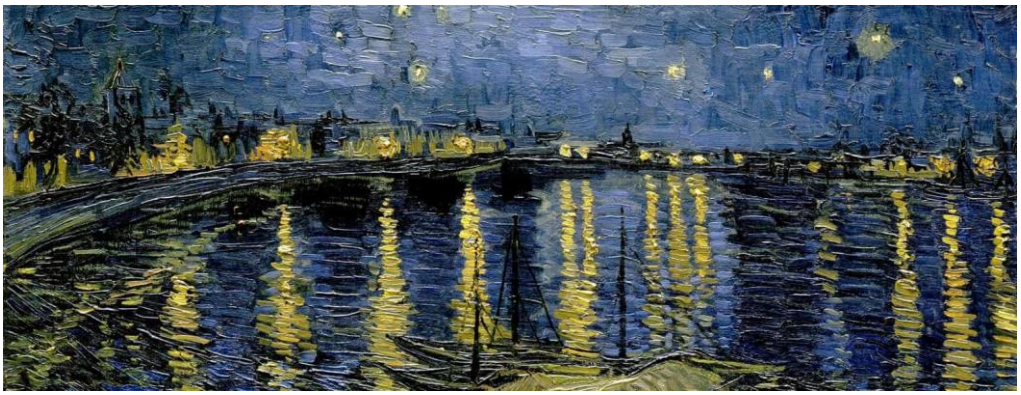
WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Enthousiasmos

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward **Worship Host: Melissa Holmes**
Worship Associate: Don Ramie **Music: Peak Rocks**

Sunday, May 19, 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. 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 19, 2024 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"There is nothing more truly artistic than to love people." *Vincent Van Gogh*
"A great fire burns within me, but no one stops to warm themselves at it, and passers-by only see a wisp of smoke" *Vincent Van Gogh*
"I don't know anything with certainty, but seeing the stars makes me dream." *Vincent Van Gogh*
"Normality is a paved road: It's comfortable to walk, but no flowers grow on it." *Vincent van Gogh*
"If I am worth anything later, I am worth something now. For wheat is wheat, even if people think it is a grass in the beginning." *Vincent van Gogh*
"The fishermen know that the sea is dangerous and the storm terrible, but they have never found these dangers sufficient reason for remaining ashore." *Vincent Van Gogh*

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Don Ramie

Chalice Lighting Don Ramie

Welcome Beth Schaefer

Welcome Song There is More Love Somewhere — Peak Rocks
Trad. African American Spiritual

Time for all Ages Vincent Van Gogh: My Story — Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Don Ramie
Please donate generously if you are able, in one of these ways:

- Mail check to Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
  P.O. Box 545 Fremont, CA 94537-0545
  (If you use Bill Pay with your bank, you could use them to mail the check)
- 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 Rev. Greg Ward

Song of Reflection Everybody Hurts — Peak Rocks
R.E.M.

Shared Joys & Concerns Rev. Greg Ward

Reflection		Rev. Greg Ward
Anthem	Vincent Don McLean	Don McLean
Message	Enthousiasmos	Rev. Greg Ward
Closing Hymn	Blue Boat Home Peter Mayer	Peak Rocks
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.	Don Ramie
Benediction		Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: May 26 – "Blame"

Paul K. Davis will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Don Ramie. Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Knuti VanHoven and Jo Ann Schriner will provide our music.

In the course of life it is important to understand why specific bad things have happened. This leads to the assignment of "blame". While blame is a useful concept, it is easily and frequently misused. One common error is to assume that if blame can be placed on one person, or one small group, that means others are innocent. This is especially used to conclude oneself is innocent. But this does not follow from logic, and frequently both, or all, parties can properly receive blame. Another common misuse of blame goes the opposite direction, spreading it more widely than is fair, often blaming an entire ethnic group or nation for the misdeeds of some. Finally, is often erroneously assigned even when everyone has been doing their best. We will explore examples of these errors, and contemplate how to resist the frequent temptation to fix blame inappropriately.

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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, or call 510-796-5722.