WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Juneteenth

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward **Worship Host: Melissa Holmes**
Worship Associate: ARO **Music: David Johnson**

Sunday, June 16, 2024 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Pride

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

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Centering Thought

"Freeing yourself was one thing, claiming ownership of that freed self was another." *Toni Morrison*

"Struggle is a never ending process. Freedom is never really won, you earn it and win it in every generation." *Coretta Scott King*

"If the cruelties of slavery could not stop us, the opposition we now face will surely fail. Because the goal of America is freedom, abused and scorned tho' we may be, our destiny is tied up with America's destiny." *Martin Luther King Jr.*

"Juneteenth has never been a celebration of victory or an acceptance of the way things are. It's a celebration of progress. It's an affirmation that despite the most painful parts of our history, change is possible—and there is still so much work to do." *Barack Obama*

"I would like to be remembered as a person who wanted to be free… so other people would be also free." *Rosa Parks*

Bell		Rev. Greg Ward
Singing	I Wish I Knew How it Would Feel to be Free	Singers
Homily	Emancipation Day History - From Proclamation to Present Day	Rev. Greg Ward Michelle Wallace Rev. Barbara Meyers
Chalice Lighting		Ariel Smith-Iyer
Welcome		Kathi Bayne
Singing	Follow the Drinking Gourd Trad. African American Spiritual	Singers
Story for all Ages	This is the Rope Story, Jacqueline Woodsen; Illustrations, James Ransome	Ariel Smith-Iyer
Singing	I'm On My Way Trad. African American Spiritual	Singers
Homily	Celebrating 100 years after Emancipation was Declared	Kathi Bayne
Singing	We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table Trad. African American Spiritual	Singers
Sads and Glads		Rev. Greg Ward and Ariel Smith-Iyer
Homily	The Road to Emancipation	Rev. Greg Ward

Singing Oh Freedom — Singers

Trad. African American Spiritual

Extinguishing the Chalice #456 — Ariel Smith-Iyer

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.

Benediction — Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: June 23 – "General Assembly Sunday Worship"

Rev. Molly Housh Gordon will lead the service which will be streamed from General Assembly Worship Associate Kathi Bayne. Worship Host will be Erik Alm. The General Assembly Music Team will provide our music.

We are all tangled up together in a great web of life that is woven with beauty and hardship, love and loss, thriving and struggle. How do we tend well to the weaving so that all of us are held in care?

Rev. Molly Housh Gordon will be joined by Violet Vonder Haar, Jamila Bachelder, Rev. Leon Dunkely, Rev. Eric Kaminetsky, Rev. Joan Javier-Duvall, Rev. Jordinn Nelson Long, Rev. Aaron Wisman, Rev. Sadie Lansdale, and Rev. Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan.

Featuring musicians: Natasha Steinmacher, GA Music Coordinator; Lea Morris; Francisco Ruiz; beheld; Violet Vonder Haar; Paul Winchester; and choirs from All Souls Unitarian Church, Indianapolis, IN; First Parish in Concord, MA; First Parish UU in Lexington, MA; First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, MI; UU Fellowship in Athens, GA; UU Fellowship of Poughkeepsie, NY; UU Church in Cherry Hill, NJ; UU Church in Reston, VA; and UU of Minnetonka, MN.

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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.