

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Annual Poems Service

Worship Leader: Poem Readers
Worship Associate: Mark Rahman

Worship Host: David Johnson
Music: Jay and Jessica Steele

Sunday, July 14, 2024 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Power

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, July 14, 2024 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

“Poetry is not only dream and vision; it is the skeleton architecture of our lives. It lays the foundations for a future of change, a bridge across our fears of what has never been before.” Audre Lorde

“Poetry is a deal of joy and pain and wonder, with a dash of the dictionary.” Kahlil Gibran

“Raise your words, not your voice. It is rain that grows flowers, not thunder.” Rumi

“Poetry is a political act because it involves telling the truth.” June Jordan

“Poetry helps me understand who I am. It helps me understand the world around me. But above all, what poetry has taught me is the fact that I need to embrace mystery in order to be completely human.” Yusef Komunyakaa

Prelude

Bell Mark Rahman

Call To Worship **Super Haiku** John Porter
By John Porter

Chalice Lighting Mark Rahman

Welcome Michelle Wallace/Jay Steele

Poems **In Blackwater Woods** Terri King
By Mary Oliver
I Live for This Moment Elizabeth Schaefer
By Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer

Welcome Song Hymn #347 Gather the Spirit Jessica and Jay Steele
Jim Scott

Time for all Ages Poem (TBD) Ariel Smith-Iyer

Special Collection Fellowship and Community Building Ariel Smith-Iyer

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Mark Rahman

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P.O. Box 545 Fremont, CA 94537-0545
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- 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. Choose “Special” as the donation type. Please state for “Fellowship” in the message. (Note: 3% surcharge).

Poems	<i>Those Winter Sundays</i> By Robert Hayden	Paul Clifford
	<i>The Edge You Carry With You</i> By David Whyte	Karen McVey
Joys and Concerns Invitation		Mark Rahman
Poem of Reflection	<i>The Thing Is</i> By Ellen Bass	Colleen Arnold
Song of Reflection	Poem Yiruma	Jay Steele
Shared Joys & Concerns		Mark Rahman
Reflection	<i>Stars Fell Through My Window Tonight</i> By Laretta Santarossa	Terri King
	<i>A Settlement</i> By Mary Oliver	Jim McKinley
	<i>A Clearing</i> By Martha Postlewaite	
Closing Hymn	Hymn #346 Come Read A Poem With Me Carolyn McDade	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.	Mark Rahman
Benediction	<i>Hope is the Thing With Feathers</i> By Emily Dickinson	Gayle Tupper

Next Week's Service: July 21 – "Moral Progress"

Paul K. Davis will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Don Ramie. Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Recorded Music will provide our music.

In 1891 Alfred Russel Wallace wrote "Although we have progressed vastly beyond the savage state in intellectual achievements, we have not advanced equally in morals." This is certainly still the case, nevertheless we have made some progress. When feeling discouraged about social progress it can be encouraging to take a long view. People, worldwide, have made tremendous progress in the last few centuries, despite some horrible episodes of backsliding. To make further progress we should understand the progress already achieved, so that, as Isaac Newton did, we can see further from standing on the shoulders of giants.

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

Several fellowship opportunities this summer: a potluck dinner with art and games here in Cole Hall Sat July 20th; meeting up with our UU neighbors in Sunnyvale in July and then hosting them here in Fremont in Aug. Other invitations from bay area UU congregations for dancing and beach day. Details are in WOP

We're coordinating with the Methodists to do another *backpack drive* this summer to benefit families receiving assistance from ABODE. More info to come on how you can participate.

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.