WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



We Don't Belong Here

Worship Leader: Mark Rahman **Worship Host: Steve Wallcave**
Worship Associate: Rev. Barbara Meyers **Music: Jay and Jessica Steele**

Sunday, August 11, 2024 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Purpose

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, August 11, 2024 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thoughts

"Here we are, the most clever species ever to have lived. So how is it we can destroy the only planet we have?"

"Only if we understand, can we care. Only if we care, we will help. Only if we help, we shall be saved."

"Above all we must realize that each of us makes a difference with our life. Each of us impacts the world around us every single day. We have a choice to use the gift of our life to make the world a better place - or not to bother"

"Let us develop respect for all living things. Let us try to replace violence and intolerance with understanding and compassion. And love."

"Young people, when informed and empowered, when they realize that what they do truly makes a difference, can indeed change the world."

All by Jane Goodall

Prelude		
Bell		Mark Rahman
Call To Worship		Mark Rahman
Chalice Lighting		Barbara Meyers
Welcome		Valerie Stewart
Welcome Song	#67 We Sing Now Together Music: Adrian Valerius Words: Edwin T Buehrer	Jay Steele & Jessica Steele
Pulpitorial	On Reestablishing MPUUC as a Welcoming Congregation	Mark Rahman
Time for all Ages	'Enemies' Christopher Buice	Barbara Meyers
Special Collection	Sandwich Squad	Don Ramie

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Barbara Meyers

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- Drop envelope with check in Mission Peak UU mail slot addressed to:
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  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

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Joys and Concerns Invitation		Mark Rahman
Song of Reflection	*'Man on the Moon'* by William Berry, Peter Buck, Michael Mills, and Michael Stipe	Jay Steele
Shared Joys & Concerns		Mark Rahman
Reading / Reflection	*'Alone'* Maya Angelou	Mark Rahman
Anthem	Change the World by Tommy Sims, Gordon Kennedy, and Wayne Kirkpatrick	Jay Steele
Message	'We Don't Belong Here'	Mark Rahman
Closing Hymn	#348 Guide My Feet Traditional Spiritual	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.	Barbara Meyers
Benediction		Mark Rahman

Next Week's Service: August 18 – "Friedman, Fables and Family Systems**"**
Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Drew Wilson. Worship Host will be Melissa Holmes.

Edwin Friedman and Murray Bowen were psychologists who worked together in the 1970's - 1990's. They established the field of Family Systems and outlined the tricky obstacles that leaders must encounter to become differentiated and avoid having their efforts sabotaged. Friedman went on to explore the ways that the patterns seen in people applying leadership in families can also be applied to how leadership is applied in religious communities. He wrote fables to help describe the ways leaders avoid sabotage and help transform systems. In this service, we will explore some of these fables.

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

Announcements:

This coming Saturday all are invited to meet up with our UU neighbors from Sunnyvale HERE in Fremont. We had a good turnout in July for the event they hosted in Sunnyvale. We'll be in Central Park from 9:30 in the morning until 11:30. Come for coffee and a bagel and meet someone new! We'll be next to Children's Playground for this all-ages event. Look for the pop-top tent flying the Progress Pride flag. More info in WOP.

There will be a potluck with games and art activities on Sat Aug 25th here in Cole Hall. RSVP if you know you can come or just show up if life allows you to attend. Again, more info on WOP.

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 510-493-1796.