WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



River of Time - Water Communion and 30 Year Celebration of our Promise

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward and Ariel Smith-iyer
Worship Host: David Johnson
Music: Jessica Steele, Jo Ann Schriner
Sunday, September 8, 2024 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Celebration

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

Humans are the only animals that have children on purpose, keep in touch (or don't), care about birthdays, waste and lose time, brush their teeth, feel nostalgia, scrub stains, have religions and political parties and laws, wear keepsakes, apologize years after an offense, whisper, fear themselves, interpret dreams, hide their genitalia, shave, bury time capsules, and can choose not to eat something for reasons of conscience.
Jonathan Safran Foer
"It is the time you have wasted for your rose that makes your rose so important" Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (The Little Prince)
"They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself" Andy Warhol
"It's being here now that's important. There's no past and there's no future. Time is a very misleading thing. All there is ever, is the now. We can gain experience from the past, but we can't relive it; and we can hope for the future, but we don't know if there is one." George Harrison
Disneyland celebrated its 40th anniversary by burying a time capsule. They say it will be dug up in 50 years - or when the last person in line at Space Mountain gets to the front, whichever comes first. Jay Leno

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Looking Back and Remembering the Beginning Rev. Greg Ward

Chalice Lighting Ariel Smith-Iyer

Welcome Song Though I May Speak of Bravest Fire Jessica Steele, Vocals
Words, Hal Hopson; Music, Trad. English Melody Jo Ann Schriner, Piano

Welcome Stephen Longfield

Traveling Back on the River of Time

Reuniting with the Past

Further Back to the Origins of Our Promise

Practice of Generosity (Offering)
Ariel Smith-Iyer

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- 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	Ripple Grateful Dead	Jessica Steele, Vocals Jo Ann Schriner, Piano
Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Greg Ward
River of Time Forward		Ariel Smith-Iyer
Anthem	Bridge Over Troubled Water Simon and Garfunkel	Jessica Steele, Vocals Jo Ann Schriner, Piano
Water Communion Ceremony		Rev. Greg Ward Ariel Smith-Iyer
Closing Hymn	Blue Boat Home Peter Mayer	Jessica Steele, Vocals Jo Ann Schriner, Piano
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.	Ariel Smith-Iyer
Benediction		Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: September 15 – "Love at the Center'**"**
Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Peak Rocks will provide our music.

There are times in this world where the terrible truth of how cruel humans can be to one another just wears you down. Where the surface-level cheerfulness and benefit-of-the-doubt thinking get sliced by ninja neighbors who cut in front of us at the bank. Sometimes, all that's left is our determination to be good. And if not good, decent. But then, when we're all alone and fear and doubt rush toward us, we sometimes need to be reminded that there is something more deep down inside. When that happens, I think we'd all like to believe, we live with Love at the center.

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

Announcements:

HELP!!!!! The Sunday Services Set-up Team needs help in September!!

The Tri-City Interfaith Council is hosting an event called International Day of Peace on Sat Sept 21st. There will be a short walk along the creek starting at 10am which offers the chance to meet someone new, then the program begins at 11. Various faith groups, including MPUUC, will take turns offering a prayer to mark this annual day begun by the UN in the early 1980's. People of all ages are welcome to attend any part of the event. More info in The Week on the Peak newsletter.

A small contingent of Mission Peak folks are planning to attend the Open Mic night hosted by our UU friends in San Jose this coming Saturday. Doors open at 6 and the performances begin at 6:30. Reach out to Ariel if you want her to save you a seat. All are welcome!

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.