

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Gobekli Tepe, Turkey circa 9,000 BCE

Exactly What is Religion?

Worship Leader: Mark Rahman
Worship Associate: Don Ramie

Worship Host: Melissa Holmes
Music: Jay and Jessica Steele

Sunday, October 27, 2024 10:00 AM

Service theme for the month: Restoration

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, October 27, 2024 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"Man is a Religious Animal. He is the only Religious Animal. He is the only animal that has the True Religion -- several of them."

- Mark Twain

"Life is pain, Highness. Anyone who says differently is selling something."

-Westley Princess Bride

"I'm always amazed when people walk up to me and say, 'I'm a Christian.' I think, 'Already? You already got it?' I'm working at it, which means that I try to be as kind and fair and generous and respectful and courteous to every human being."

- Maya Angelou

Prelude

Bell Mark Rahman

Call To Worship Don Ramie

Chalice Lighting Don Ramie

Welcome Beth Schaefer

Welcome Song Hymn #73. Chant for the Seasons Jessica and Jay Steele
Mark L. Belletini

Time for all Ages Kids Describe God The Children
BuzzFeedVideo

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Don Ramie

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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 Mark Rahman

Song of Reflection The "In" Field Jessica Steele
Jessica Steele Piano: Jay Steele

Shared Joys & Concerns Mark Rahman

Reading / Reflection	Religion Isn't Religion	Mark Rahman
Anthem	The River In Your Eyes Jessica Steele	Jessica and Jay Steele
Message	The History of Religion	Mark Rahman
Closing Hymn	Hymn #407. We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table Traditional, arr. by Mary Allen Walden	Jessica and 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.	Don Ramie
Benediction		Mark Rahman

Next Week's Service: November 3 – “How Facism Gains a Following - Even Where It Isn't Wanted”

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Sharon Davis. Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Peak Performers will provide our music.

If you grow up in a democracy, in a place where 'the common good' and 'love thy neighbor' are even slightly familiar – and then you learn about Naziism and the holocaust, it is almost impossible not to ask, 'how could such a thing happen?' This is a service that explores that question drawing from some of the evidence of how it did happen. We will take a look at the notion of 'may the best man win' and the role of the media and the influence of the aristocracy.

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

Announcements:

MP's Diwali (pronounced deeVALee) dinner and celebration is happening Sat Nov 2nd here in Cole Hall. PLease RSVP if you can come, there's a link to the rsvp in Week on the Peak.

IT IS COMING UP!!!! The Black & White Auction- CELEBRATION. Nov. 9 -on Zoom.

Get your tickets- donate your talent/service - all the details are in Week on the Peak.

Use the links to buy tickets or donate your special event/item. You can also MAIL a check to MPUUC - marked “Black & White”. Tickets are \$30.

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.