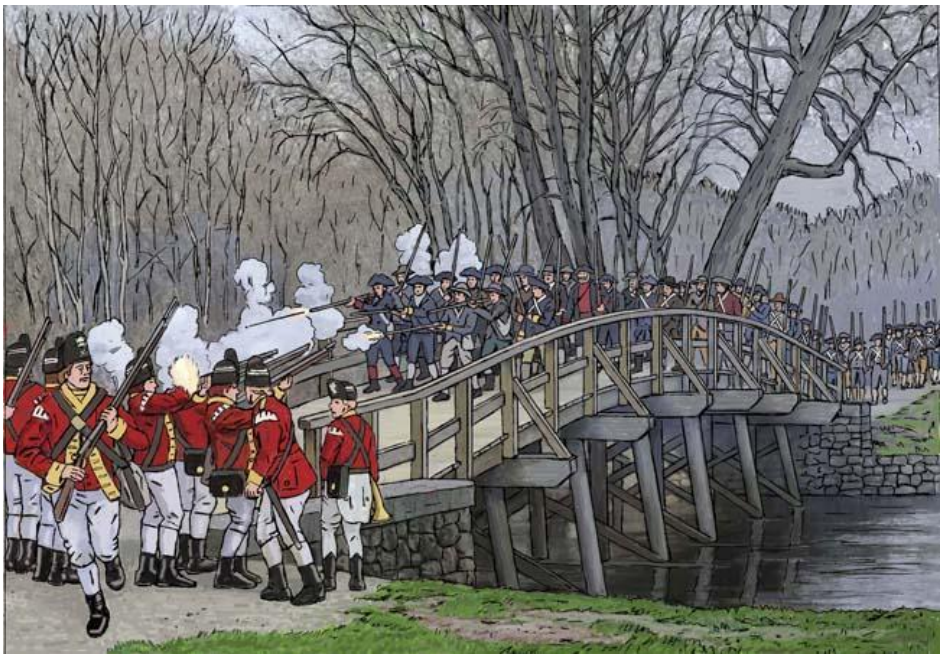
WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



The Embattled Farmers

Worship Leader: Don Ramie | **Worship Host: Erik Alm**
Worship Associate: Drew Wilson | **Music: Jay and Jessica Steele**

Sunday, December 29, 2024 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Gifts

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, December 29, 2024 10:00–11:15 a.m.

Centering Thoughts

"Interdependence is a mature, advanced concept. I am self-reliant and capable, but I also realize that you and I working together can accomplish far more than I could accomplish alone, even at my best."

—Stephen R. Covey

"The more we understand how all of life is interconnected and interdependent, the more we can act in positive ways for the good of all."

—Laurence Overmire

"No one can be perfectly free till all are free; no one can be perfectly happy till all are happy."

—Herbert Spencer

"Everything that is in the heavens, on earth, and under the earth is penetrated with connectedness, penetrated with relatedness."

—Hildegard of Bingen

Prelude		
Bell		Don Ramie
Call To Worship		Drew Wilson
Chalice Lighting		Drew Wilson
Welcome		Jay Steele
Welcome Song	Hymn #119 "Once to Every Soul and nation"	Jay and Jessica Steele
Time for all Ages	"All of Us" Carin Berger	Don Ramie Storyteller

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Drew Wilson

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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		Don Ramie
Song of Reflection	Hymn #40 "The Morning Hangs a Signal"	Jay and Jessica Steele
Shared Joys & Concerns		Don Ramie
Reading / Reflection	"I Have Been There Myself" Maya Angelou	Don Ramie
Anthem	Hymn #114 "Forward Through the Ages"	Jan and Jessica Steele
Message	The Embattled Farmers	Don Ramie
Closing Hymn	Hymn #108 "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"	Jay and Jessica 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.	Drew Wilson
Benediction		Don Ramie

Next Week's Service: January 5 – "The Book of Qualities II"

J. Ruth Gendler will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Greg Ward. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Peak Performers will provide our music.

Within and throughout our lives, we invite, adopt and assume a number of qualities to help us express what is going on inside us. But many of these qualities have a life of their own. Writer, artist and workshop leader, J. Ruth Gendler described these qualities in a landmark book called, "The Book of Qualities. In it, she reveals, in human terms, the wisdom and quirkiness of these qualities in ways we can all understand and relate to. We are immensely blessed to have her with us in person to help us understand the breadth of these qualities whose wisdom we invite and rely on.

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

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 510-493-1796.