WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



# Returning to the Town of Qualities

**Worship Leader: J. Ruth Gendler** **Worship Host: Steve Wallcave**
**Worship Associate: Rev. Greg Ward** **Music: Von Bringhurst and Peak Performers**

## Sunday, January 5, 2025 10:00 AM
## Service theme for the month: Intention

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, January 5, 2025 10-11:15 a.m.

### Centering Thought

*When courage walks, it is clear that she has made the journey from loneliness to solitude. The people who told me she is stern were not lying, they just forgot to say that she is kind.* – *J. Ruth Gendler*

*Audacity has the courage to face her own insignificance.* – *J. Ruth Gendler*

*If you ask twenty people, scholars and friends to tell you how Grace moves on the path, you may hear twenty-five different descriptions.* – *J. Ruth Gendler*

*Resilience makes meaning the way your mother taught you to make soup, working with what ingredients she had at hand.* – *J. Ruth Gendler*

*Hope is Curiosity's sister. She collects recipes and dreams.* – *J. Ruth Gendler*

**Prelude**

**Bell** Rev. Greg Ward

**Call To Worship** J. Ruth Gendler

**Chalice Lighting** Rev. Greg Ward

*We light this chalice…*
*To remind ourselves to treat all people kindly,*
*because we are all one family;*
*To take good care of the Earth,*
*because it is our home;*
*To live lives full of goodness and love,*
*because that is how we will become*
*the best people we can be.*

**Welcome** Stephen Longfield

**Welcome Song** 1066 O Brother Sun — Peak Performers
Words, Sharon Anway; Music, Traditional Scottish tune — Directed by Von Bringhurst

**Time for all Ages** J. Ruth Gendler

**Pulpitorial** January 20 Day of Service — Corby Dale

**Practice of Generosity (Offering)** Rev. Greg Ward

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  P.O. Box 545 Fremont, CA 94537-0545
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  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).

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| **Joys and Concerns Invitation** | | Rev. Greg Ward |
| **Song of Reflection** | Variations on a Theme | Von Bringhurst, piano |
| **Shared Joys & Concerns** | | Rev. Greg Ward |
| **Reading / Reflection** | | J. Ruth Gendler |
| **Anthem** | The Twelve Days After Christmas<br>Frederick Silver | Peak Performers<br>Directed by Von Bringhurst |
| **Message** | Returning to the Town of Qualities | J. Ruth Gendler |
| **Closing Song** | 1053 How Could Anyone<br>Libby Roderick | Peak Performers<br>Directed by Von Bringhurst |
| **Extinguishing the Chalice** | #456<br>We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,<br>the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.<br>These we carry in our hearts until we are together again. | Rev. Greg Ward |
| **Benediction** | | J. Ruth Gendler |

**Next Week's Service: January 12 – "Faithful Fools: To Coddiwomple"**

Rev. Carmen Barsody will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Greg Ward. Worship Host will be Melissa Holmes. Jay and Jessica Steele will provide our music.

Faithful Fools was founded in 1998 by Kay Jorgensen, a Unitarian Universalist minister and Carmen Barsody, a Franciscan from Little Falls, MN. The two of them were inspired to create a community of people from all walks of life to work together for deep personal change in the service of deep social change.

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

**Announcements:**

Interested in finding out more about Unitarian Universalism and Mission Peak UU? We're holding a New to UU class after the service on Sunday, 1/12/25. Please email membership@mpuuc.org by Tuesday 1/7/2025 to RSVP.

**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.