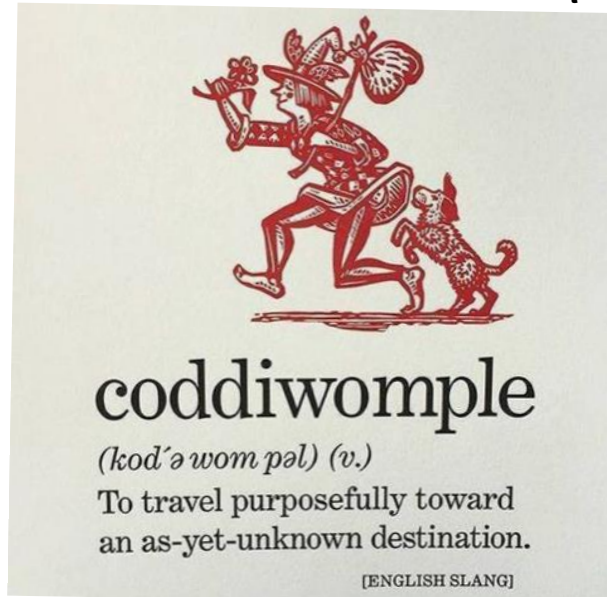


WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

Faithful Fools: To Coddiwomple



Worship Leader: Carmen Barsody
Worship Associate: Rev. Greg Ward

Worship Host: Melissa Holmes
Music: Jay and Jessica Steele

Sunday, January 12, 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 12, 2025 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"The road that trickster travels is a spirit road as well as a road in fact . . . Trickster is boundary crosser . . . the author of the great distance between heaven and earth."

Lewis Hyde

from his book, *Trickster Makes This World*

"All that we do is in preparation for meeting another human being in a nonjudgmental way. You have to let go of expectations. You have to let go of what you think should happen."

Rev. Kay Jorgensen

"If you have come here to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together."

Lila Watson

"It was working with whatever came to you that day... and what it came down to was the fact that the greatest thing you did was whatever you could do with the person at that moment."

Carmen Barsody

(describing how her 'ministry of presence' with people on the street in Managua, Nicaragua became such a good fit for Faithful Fools.

"It is possible, faithfulness is possible, only if we don't have a determined outcome,"

Carmen Barsody.

"For one human being to love another human being: that is perhaps the most difficult task that has been entrusted to us, the ultimate task, the final test and proof, the work for which all other work is merely preparation."

Rainer Marie Rilke

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Rev. Greg Ward

Chalice Lighting Carmen Barsody

One: We are called to a life of presence that acknowledges each human's incredible worth.

All: Aware of our judgments, we seek to meet people where they are through the arts, education, advocacy, and accompaniment.

One: We participate in shattering myths about those living in poverty,

All: seeing the light, courage, intelligence, strength, and creativity of the people we encounter.

One: We discover on the streets our common humanity,

All: through which celebration, community, and healing occur.

—Mission Statement of Faithful Fools Street Ministry

Welcome Beth Schaefer

Welcome Song 347 Gather the Spirit
Jim Scott Jay and Jessica Steele

Time for all Ages Ariel Smith-Iyer

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Rev. Greg Ward

Please donate generously if you are able, in one of these ways:

- 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

Make Channels for the Streams of Love
Richard Trench and Annabel Buchanan

Jay and Jessica Steele

Shared Joys & Concerns

Rev. Greg Ward

Reflection

Excerpt of the Fisher King
Terry Gilliam

Robin Williams
Jeff Daniels

Anthem

Gonna Get Through This World
Woodie Guthrie and Lisa Gutkin

Jay and Jessica Steele

Message

Faithful Fools: To Coddwomple

Carmen Barsody

Closing Hymn

1028 Fire of Commitment
Mary Katherine Morn, Words; Jason Shelton, Music

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.

Rev. Greg Ward

Benediction

Carmen Barsody

**Next Week's Service: January 19 – "In Service of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream
ACTION SUNDAY"**

Rev. Greg Ward and Ariel Smith-Iyer will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Chris Cook.
Worship Host will be David Johnson. Next Week's Music Peak Rocks will provide our music.

Our second Action Sunday at Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation will focus around ways we are intentionally and purposefully working for Dr. King's dream of America become a reality. We will come together to understand our overarching purpose and then exercise our heads, hearts and hands in the same direction to help encourage the TriCities to live with liberty and justice for all.

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

Announcements:

Immediately after the service today we will host our second Lunch and Learn. We will have two kinds of delicious soup, bread and cookies to feed us. We will learn about how to have the effective kind of 1:1 conversations used in community organizing. Our practice today will help us prepare for what we will do the following week.

The New to UU Class is being held immediately after our Lunch and Learn today. If you're new to UU and want to know more about us, Look for DeAnna Alm who will help direct us to the room where we'll meet

Next Sunday at Mission Peak we will have an Action Sunday where we will go down to the Farmer's Market to pass out fliers inviting people to come to our MLK Day of Service the following Day, January 20. Our goal is to share with fellow Fremont folks who we are and why advocating and supporting the unhoused community is important to us.

Monday January 20th will be a day of Service at Mission Peak. People from Fremont for Everyone, Abode Services, Compassionate Fremont, TriCity Interfaith and Poverty Patch will be here to help us build the Beloved Community Dr. King spoke of by advocating for those facing housing insecurity.

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.