

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



In Service of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream ACTION SUNDAY

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Worship Associate: Ariel Smith-Iyer

Worship Host: David Johnson
Music: Peak Rocks

Sunday, January 19, 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.

Centering Thought

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"
"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends"

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope"

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase"

"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear"

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend"

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Order of Service

Sunday, January 19, 2025 10-11:15 a.m.

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Ariel Smith-Iyer

Chalice Lighting Ariel Smith-Iyer

We are Unitarian Universalists
(open arms wide toward each other)
Who put love at the center of our lives
(hands on heart)
May this chalice we light today
(light the chalice)
lead us as we explore, share, and play!
(everyone shakes their bodies or does a silly dance)

Welcome Michelle Wallace

Welcome Song Peak Rocks
Wake Now My Senses
Words, Thomas Mikelson; Music, Trad. Irish Folk Tune

Message Rev. Greg Ward
Mission Peak Putting Love at the Center Outside of Cole Hall

Silent Stones Keep Me in Your Heart For Awhile
and Musical Blessings *Warren Zevon*

Extinguishing the Chalice Ariel Smith-Iyer
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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.

Blessing for our Work in the World Rev. Greg Ward

Recessional Music	Wake Up Everybody <i>Harold Melvin and the Bluenotes</i>	Peak Rocks
Message	The Theology of a World on Fire	Rev. Greg Ward
Discussion		
Closing Music	Let it Be <i>Lennon and McCartney</i>	Peak Rocks
Benediction		Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: January 26 – "A Land In Search of Its Ancestors"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Peak Performers under the direction of Von Bringhurst will provide our music.

In 2020, one of the original intentions and recommendations of the Mission Peak ARO Team (Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression) was to offer a land acknowledgement at the beginning of our worship services. This has recently (and increasingly) become a way for community organizations (such as churches) to humbly recognize the impact that our settler-colonialist history has had on the people and the land. The problem was, it turned out to be much harder task to actually identify which indigenous communities are the original and/or rightful heirs of this land. This service is about ARO's search to learn the truth about the original occupants of the land.

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.