WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Love Hero

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward Worship Host: Steve Wallcave Worship Associate: Mark Rahman Music: Peak Rocks

Sunday, February 16, 2025 10:00 AM Service theme for the month: Re-Covenanting

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.



Love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared values.

Interdependence of all existence. With reverence for the great web of life and our place in it.

Pluralism – We celebrate that we are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience and theology. **Justice** – We work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all thrive.

Transformation – We adapt to the changing world. **Generosity** – We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope.

Equity – We declare that every person has the right to flourish with inherent dignity and worthiness.

Order of Service

Sunday, February 16, 2025 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

For hatred can never put an end to hatred; love alone can. This is an unalterable law.

Verse 5, The Dhammapada True, this world of ours is full of hatred and disbelief, but that is no reason why we should not love and why we should not believe. We must love and believe in order to empty the hatred-sea.

Sri Chinmoy

The medicine this sick world needs is love. Hatred must be replaced by love, and fear by faith that love will prevail.

Peace Pilgrim

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

St. Francis of Assisi

Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.

John Wesley

I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.

Rabindranath Tagore

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Mark Rahman

Chalice Lighting Mark Rahman

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Welcome Valerie Stewart

Welcome Song 298 Wake Now My Senses Peak Rocks

Thomas J. Mikelson

Time for all Ages What is Interfaith? Interfaith America

Pulpitorial Paul K. Davis

Practice of Generosity (Offering)

Mark Rahman

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Joys and Concerns Invitation Rev. Greg Ward

Song of Reflection There is More Love Peak Rocks

African American Spiritual

Shared Joys & Concerns Rev. Greg Ward

Message from TCIC President Rev. Charlene Hinkley

Anthem Love's Divine Loved into Being UU All Souls DC Choir

Mark Watson and Sealhenry Samuel Directed by Jen Hayman

Conversation On Love, Justice and Religion Reshma Inamdar

Joy Barnitz Paul K. Davis Canice McLaughlin

Closing Hymn Blue Boat Home Peak Rocks

Peter Mayer

Extinguishing the Chalice #456 Mark Rahman

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.

Benediction Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: February 23 – "The Founding Fathers"

Don Ramie will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Drew Wilson. Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Jo Ann Schriner and Knuti VanHoven will provide our music.

At the Constitutional Convention in 1787, the "Founding Fathers" of the United States designed a democracy for an entire nation. This was something altogether untried, with global consequences. The experiment proved both durable and flexible. The idea persists that the "Founding Fathers" were Christians, and therefore this is a "Christian nation." Pastors and some politicians like the ring of that. And so, the debate over the religious faith of these men has become a cultural war in the U,S. What are the facts?

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

Announcements:

<u>In search of mental health family support or peer support resources in the larger Tri-City area?</u> Contact Rev. Barbara Meyers, a mental health educator and peer support provider. Email <u>com_minister@mpuuc.org</u>, or call 510-493-1796.