

This Week on the Peak

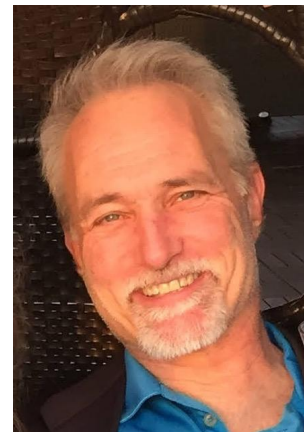


Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! March 26, 2025

Dear Sandra,

[Marge Piercy's poem, The Low Road](#) was written in 1971, but I can't imagine a time where it is more relevant than right now. It is not only a poem of revolutionary resistance against authoritarian oppression. It is a recipe and a roadmap for what we're trying to do at MPUUC: building Beloved Community.

The phrase, Beloved Community, has been used a lot since it was first coined in the 1920s by Harvard University Professor of Philosophy, Josiah Royce. He was searching for a label for intentional community of radical inclusion or belonging. A place built from cooperation and solidarity so compelling it becomes a blueprint for society at large. Dr. Royce came up with the concept, in part, as an alternative to the oppression that was happening in his home state of California as the U.S. military swept in during westward migration to claim dominion over the land and subjugate indigenous tribes, Spanish Missionaries and poor homesteaders and miners.



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. later invoked the idea of Beloved Community to counter the scapegoating, oppression and violence perpetrated by racist leaders. Dr. King called followers to "... meet physical force with soul force" emphasizing the power that love and non-violent resistance had that strategies of hate and violence don't.

Today, we are feeling the chilling effects of an administration taking the 'low road' to consolidate power. By using intimidation and instilling fear, they pit different groups against each other, seeking to weaken the only opposition that can successfully resist their quest for power and domination: Love.

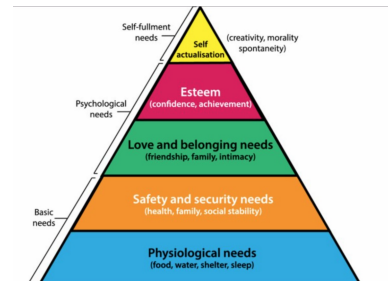
It is up to us to take the high road and meet hate with hope. It happens every time we refuse to believe the worst about others. Invite, include, care and support one another. Bring friends to church. Get involved in building networks of cooperation. Lift people up instead of watch them get taken down. Working together, we become an alternative to oppression.

it starts when you care
to act, it starts when you do
it again [even after they say] 'no,'
it starts when you say 'We'
and know who you mean,
and each day you mean one more.

Rev. Greg Ward

This Sunday's Service:

Service can be attended in-person at
Cole Hall or online. See
mpuuc.org/zoom each week for how
to attend services.



Reparations in our Fractured World

In my earlier service endorsing Reparations I dealt with the needs of African-Americans and how those needs came to be. In this service I wish to focus on the effects of Reparations on the members of the dominant society. We are all affected and changed by what happens to anyone else in this world however near to us they are, whether we know of their existence or not. For Reparations we are the lesser if they do not happen and the better if they do, even if the monetary cost comes from us and we do not share in the largesse. We will bear costs both monetary and personal if there is no returning society to balance.

Mark Rahman will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Paul K. Davis. Erik Alm will be Worship Host. Jay and Jessica Steele will provide our music.

Whether you are attending services in Cole Hall or remotely, you can donate and/or fulfill your pledge in the 3 ways shown below:

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 a check in Mission Peak UU mail slot addressed to:
Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
We will be collecting this once per week.

Pay on line at <https://mpuuc.org/contact-us/donate/> with credit or debit card.
Note we use PayPal for this and they charge us around 3%.

March Share the Plate - Abode

We will be collecting until April 6.

Write a check to MPUUC with "Abode" in the memo line and mail to:
Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Drop an envelope with a check (with "Abode" on the memo line) or cash (with a note stating "Abode") in our mail slot addressed to: Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Pay online at <https://mpuuc.org/contact-us/donate/> with credit or debit card. Choose "Special" as the donation type. Please state "Abode" in the message. Note we use PayPal for this, and they charge us around 3%



CIRCLE OF LIFE

YOU ARE ALL INVITED to celebrate and console those in the MP family who need it. Each week you can find those people right here at your fingertips if you click on the [link](#). Let's increase our caring connections with each other with calls when appropriate, cards, emails, offers of help, etc. When you have Joys and Concerns for this Circle of Life, contact the

Encouragement Committee at ecteam@mpuuc.org. Or ask one of us: Greg, Barbara, Sharon, Jo Ann S, Don, Lucienne, Julie

Midweek Discussion Group

The Minister's Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. The Midweek Discussion Group meets online and welcomes all voices who wish to participate in discussion on interesting topics. The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#)

We are close to our pledge goal for this year's canvass. As of this edition of Week on the Peak, we have received more than 75% of our pledges and have reached 86% of our pledge goal of \$250,000.



**Reaching for
the Rainbow**

If you haven't turned in your pledge, you can help put us over edge if you [CLICK THIS LINK](#) or scan the QR code below..

Also, if you have a story about how you chose to use your reverse offering money, you can write it in the [REVERSE OFFERING LINK](#) (put your name or leave it anonymous)

Thank you to everyone who helps us REACH FOR THE RAINBOW!



"HANDS OFF! FREMONT FIGHTS BACK"

FREMONT IS JOINING A
NATIONAL MOBILIZATION EVENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

12:30 to 2:00 p.m.



CORNERS OF WALNUT AVENUE & PASEO PADRE PARKWAY

SIGN UP LINK: <https://mobilize.us/s/6ESAEEZ>

This is a crisis, and the time to act is now. We're joining a broad coalition, including Indivisible, MoveOn, Public Citizen, labor unions, and many more on Saturday, April 5 to tell Trump and Musk: Hands off!

WE ARE COMMITTED TO A PEACEFUL, NON-VIOLENT PROTEST.

Bring signs focused on the inhumane and dangerous cuts to our government. Let's stand together in solidarity, sending a message that we won't tolerate this chaos. We're fighting for democracy. Let's make them listen. Spread the word. We'll see you on the sidewalk!



✓ Bring signs or props → Make your message large & visible! (Ideas: "HANDS OFF MEDICAID!", "HANDS OFF OUR DATA!", "HANDS OFF DEMOCRACY!", "HANDS OFF SCHOOLS!", "HANDS OFF SOCIAL SECURITY", "HANDS OFF THE EPA", "HANDS OFF VETS", ETC.) ✓

Click [here](#) for pdf of flyer

FELLOWSHIP CORNER

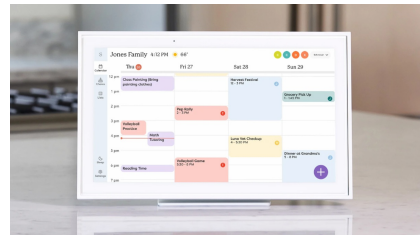
Dates to mark on your calendar:

April 13th **Action Sunday**, MPUUC

April 19th **Fremont Earth Day Festival**, downtown, 10am-2pm; MPUUC is joining TCIC at a table, come say hello and enjoy our activities! More info below.

April 20th **Easter Sunday**, MPUUC

April 26th **Bay Area UU HS Youth Retreat**, UU Oakland, more info [HERE](#)



Good for the planet, fun for the whole family! 2025 marks the 55th anniversary of Earth Day! Our free [Earth Day Fair](#) is your chance to celebrate. Explore indoor and outdoor exhibits. Chat with eco-friendly experts. Discover practical tips for a more sustainable lifestyle, including waste reduction, clean water, healthy eating, reducing energy use, and more.



Event Details:

Saturday, April 19

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Downtown Event Center and Plaza at 3500 Capitol Ave., Fremont

Activities:

- Music, games, and art activities
- Residential document shredding
- Medication drop-off
- Prescription eyeglasses drop-off
- Needle/syringe drop-off (sharps must be in approved containers)
- Mercury thermometer exchange

Hosted in partnership with [Washington Health](#) and [Local Ecology and Agriculture Fremont \(LEAF\)](#).

JUSTICE CORNER



8:00pm ET • 7:00pm CT • 6:00pm MT • 5:00pm PT

As Unitarian Universalists, we are positioned to be faith leaders at this critical time in our country's history. And it can feel overwhelming. Where do we start? We run the risk of becoming quick to act without listening to each other and the communities most impacted by climate disruption.

This Earth Day, UU Ministry for Earth will help us deepen practices that put Love at the center of our climate justice work. Not to avoid acting, but to prepare us for action.

We will hold the service online, and we can also provide written worship materials for your congregation's or group's use. We ask for a donation for those materials. [Register for the online service and/or the written materials here.](#)

Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO)
Recommendations

As We Commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday and Turn Back Tuesday

Let's remember, in America, we believe in the freedom to decide our future — whether it's choosing leaders who will fight for affordable housing, better jobs, and quality healthcare, or holding those in power accountable. But this fundamental freedom is under threat. Some politicians are trying to roll back voting rights because they fear the power of our voices. Take action and lift up the need for voting rights, this **60th Anniversary**.



Tell your House Member to support the **JLVRAA**

8th Principle Learning

8th Principle UU Learning Community

"According to Forbes, Walmart and Target lost a combined \$120 million on Economic Blackout Day."

More boycotts are planned below.



<https://www.forbes.com/sites/pamdanziger/2025/03/03/target-loses-and-costco-wins-in-web-traffic-on-feb-28-economic-blackout-day/>

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), where participants gather to worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy decisions for the Association through a democratic process. While anyone can attend, congregations must certify annually to have voting delegates.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 BALTIMORE • JUNE 18 - 22, 2025

General Assembly 2025

From June 18–22, 2025, the 64th UUA General Assembly will be a multi-platform event, with the main stage hosted at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland and hundreds more joining on the Whova app. [Google map](#)

General Assembly [Registration](#) is open, as is [Choir Registration](#).

The [Volunteer Application](#) and [Financial Support Request](#) forms are open.

[Housing reservations](#) are available now.

Coming Soon: [Children's Programs Registration](#)

We encourage congregations to identify and register their delegates by March 31 to lock in the lowest GA registration rate. Registrations are non-transferable, so be sure to register specific individuals early! This gives them access to financial aid, volunteer opportunities, and plenty of time to arrange travel and housing.

Congregations will be able to begin distributing member delegate credentials via the credentialing system in April.

The UUA Board of Trustees is working to engage delegates earlier than ever. Delegates can dive into the agenda, discuss amendments, and build consensus on the UUA discussion forum. Being prepared helps ensure a positive experience!

To support delegates, the Board will host online candidate forums and “What to Expect” webinars before GA. Business Mini-assemblies may take place in May or June. Election balloting will open on June 1.

Early registration is the key to staying informed and confident in this important role. Rates go up April 1—don’t wait!

Click [here](#) to register

Making announcements

If you’ve ever had an announcement you wanted to share about an upcoming MPUUC event or meeting but didn’t know how, you’re in luck. This [Announcement Sheet](#) will go directly to Sandra, our Administrator (to put in the OOS); or to a Board Member (to announce at a Sunday service. **Deadline for posting Sunday announcements is Thursday at 12pm.**

ACT NOW!

Call your Elected Officials!

Calls can make a difference! Contact your representatives to alert them to your views!

Assembly Member Alex Lee 408-262-2501
Representative Eric Swalwell 510-247-1388 or go to [house.gov](https://www.house.gov)
Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631
Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553



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