WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



A 36 Hour Crash Course on Immigration Oppression

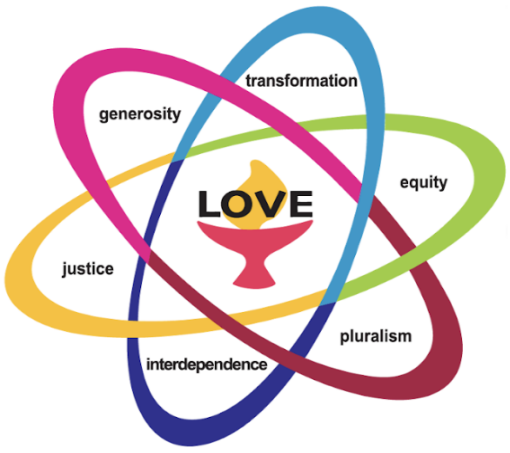
Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Worship Associate: Mark Rahman
Worship Host: Steve Wallcave
Music: Jay and Jessica Steele

Sunday, May 4, 2025 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Re-imagining

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, May 4, 2025 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"People come here penniless but not cultureless. They bring us gifts. We can synthesize the best of our traditions with the best of theirs. We can teach and learn from each other to produce a better America…" *Mary Pipher*

"Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me: I lift my lamp beside the golden door." *Emma Lazarus*

"The greatest nations are defined by how they treat their weakest inhabitants." *Jorge Ramos*

"We the people of this continent are not afraid of foreigners because many of us were once foreigners." *Pope Francis*

"No one leaves home unless home is the mouth of a shark." Warsan Shire

"Once I thought to write a history of the immigrants in America. Then I discovered that the immigrants were American history." *Oscar Handlin*

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Mark Rahman

Chalice Lighting Mark Rahman

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 Valerie Stewart

Welcome Song Hymn #134 Our World is One World — Jay Steele
Cecily Taylor and Richard Graves

Time for all Ages The Truth about Immigrants and Immigration — Robert Reich

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Mark Rahman

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Joys and Concerns Invitation Rev. Greg Ward

Song of Reflection	This Land is Your Land Woodie Guthrie	Jay Steele
Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Greg Ward
Reflection		Rev. Greg Ward
Anthem	America Neil Diamond	Jay Steele
Message	36 Hour Crash Course on Immigration Oppression	Rev. Greg Ward
Closing Hymn	Hymn #318 We Would Be One Samuel Anthony Wright and Jean Sibelius	Jay 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.	Mark Rahman
Benediction		Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: May 11 – "Where Community Grows"

Rev. Matthew McHale will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Paul K. Davis. Worship Host will be David Johnson. Peak Performers will provide our music.

As our world becomes increasingly fragmented, "third places"—a place other than home and work, where community life thrives—have never been more vital. Join us as we explore the significance of third places, like church, in fostering connection, inclusivity, and a sense of belonging.

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

Announcements:

Please Save the Date: MPUUC and ARO will be sponsoring our Juneteenth Picnic at Lake Elizabeth Park Sunday, June 15 after service. Because of Barbara's efforts we were fortunate to book the same lovely location as last year.

All are invited to play or sing or recite at the Music Salon June 1st at the Methodist sanctuary. To participate, contact Paul K Davis or Jo Ann Schriner to sign up if space is still available. To attend, just show up at 2:00 to enjoy talent from both of our congregations. See you there!

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.