

## WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



### “The Monster’s Gift”

Worship Leader: Rev. Samantha Wilson  
Worship Associate: Rev. Barbara Meyers

Worship Host: David Johnson  
Music: Peak Performers

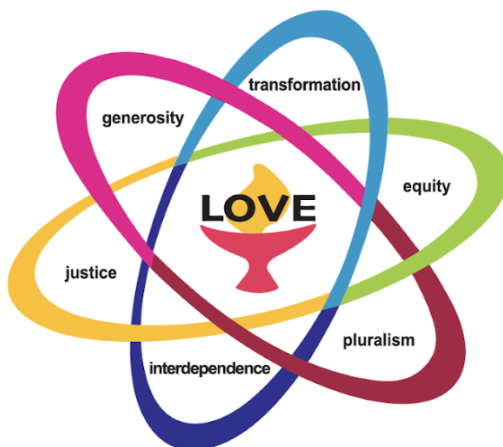
Sunday, June 1, 2025 10:00 AM

Service theme for the month: Re-Creating

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](mailto: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, June 1, 2025 10-11:15 a.m.

## Centering Thought

*"When a crack appears in the mighty wall, the only thing scarier than letting it grow unbridled, the only thing more worrisome than allowing it to breathe, is sealing it up."*

- Báýò Akómoláfé

### Prelude

Bell Rev. Barbara Meyers

Call To Worship Rev. Barbara Meyers

Chalice Lighting *"The Way It Is"* Rev. Barbara Meyers  
by Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer

Welcome Kathi Bayne

Welcome Song #1003 *Where Do We Come From?* Peak Performers  
Words: Paul Gauguin and Brian Tate, Music: Brian Tate

Time for all Ages *The Existential Crocodile* Rev. Samantha Wilson / Rev. Barbara Meyers  
Inspired by Arnold Lobel, adapted by Kristin Famula and Samantha Wilson

### Practice of Generosity (Offering)

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

- Use the QR Code in the OOS (Note: 3% surcharge).
- Mail check to MPUUC P.O. Box 545 Fremont, CA 94537-0545
- Drop envelope with check in Mission Peak UU mail slot addressed to: Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
- Pay online at <https://mpuuc.org/contact-us/donate/> with credit or debit card (Note: 3% surcharge).

Rev. Barbara Meyers



Joys and Concerns Invitation Rev. Barbara Meyers

Song of Reflection Piano Music Von Bringham

Shared Joys & Concerns Rev. Barbara Meyers

Meditation *Meditation on All That Is* Rev. Samantha Wilson  
Rev. Samantha Wilson

Anthem Journey in Peace Peak Performers  
Andy Beck and Ben Cohn

Message The Monster's Gift Rev. Samantha Wilson

**Closing Hymn**

#86 Blessed Spirit of My Life  
Words and Music: Shelley Jackson Denham

Peak Performers

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

#456

Rev. Barbara Meyers

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**

Perfect Offering                      Rev. Samantha Wilson / Rev. Barbara Meyers  
Words: Leonard Cohen. Music: Jeffrey Alphonsus Mooney

**Next Week's Service: June 8 – "Flower Communion"**

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Ariel Smith-Iyer. Worship Host will be David Johnson. Jay and Jessica Steele will provide our music.

200 Years ago, New England Unitarians - who were yet to marvel before the miracle of air conditioning, would close their churches and all migrate to the Cape where it was cooler. This was because most early Unitarian ministers were also university professors who didn't teach classes in the summer. This is the history behind why the 'church year' is modeled after the 'school year.' Nowadays, of course, church goes all year 'round. Yet there is something that pulls us out of our routines and reminds us the importance of play.

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

**Announcements:**

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 Schriener 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!

Congregational Study/Action Issues (CSAIs) and Actions of Immediate Witness (AIWs) for the UUAGA are available in WOTP under Denominational Affairs. You can access the links to learn more and discuss these items directly with other UUs around the country. Also, please contact MPUUC delegates Beth Schaefer or Kathi Bayne if you would like to "weigh in."

Reminder: Our Juneteenth MPUUC Picnic is Lake Elizabeth Park Sunday, June 15 after service in Lake Elizabeth Park at Lions 1 near the Boat House

**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](mailto:com_minister@mpuuc.org), or call 510-493-1796.