WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Flower Communion

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Worship Associate: Ariel Smith-Iyer
Worship Host: David Johnson
Music: Jay and Jessica Steele

Sunday, June 8, 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. 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 8, 2025 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"The particularity of our problems can be made bearable only through the recognition of our universal humanity. "We suffer uniquely, but we survive the same way." *Cheryl Strayed*

"Diversity is not about how we differ. Diversity is about embracing one another's uniqueness." *Ola Joseph*

"I want to be part of a world where diversity and gender equality aren't special programs but the natural way of operating." *Pierre Nanterme*

Biological diversity is messy. It walks, it crawls, it swims, it swoops, it buzzes. But extinction is silent, and it has no voice other than our own. *Paul Hawken*

"Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilization." *Mahatma Gandhi*

"Every flower must grow through dirt."

Laurie Jean Sennott

Prelude		
Bell		Rev. Greg Ward
Welcoming Song	#361 Enter, Rejoice and Come in	Jay and Jessica Steele
Call To Worship	The Story of Norbert and Bodhana Capek	Rev. Greg Ward
Ingathering of Flowers		Rev. Greg Ward
Ingathering Music	The Garden Song Dave Mallett	Jay Steele
Chalice Lighting	The Flowers We Choose to Bring	Ariel Smith-Iyer
Welcome		Beth Schaefer
Ingathering of Members	Elizabeth Bartmess Michael Cohn Shephali Gupta	Rev. Greg Ward Membership Rep Beth Schaefer
Practice of Generosity (Offering)		Rev. Greg Ward

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- Pay online at https://mpuuc.org/contact-us/donate/ with credit or debit card (Note: 3% surcharge).

Joys and Concerns Invitation		Rev. Greg Ward
Song of Reflection	The Flower that Shattered the Stone John Denver	Jay and Jessica Steele
Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Greg Ward Ariel Smith-Iyer
Anthem	San Francisco (Be Sure to Wear Flowers in Your Hair) Scott McKenzie	Jay and Jessica Steele
Homily	Living in a Postmodern Prague	Rev. Greg Ward
Prayers for One Another		
Carrying Out Our Flower Communion		
Closing Hymn	Shine on Me Melanie DeMore	Melanie DeMore
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.	Ariel Smith-Iyer
Benediction		Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: June 15 – "Juneteenth"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associates Rev. Barbara Meyers, Kathi Bayne, Terri King and Michelle Wallace. Worship Host will be Melissa Holmes. Peak Performers will provide our music.

How does singing African American Spirituals help us understand the systemic oppression built into this country and the convoluted path that African Americans had to navigate to find their way to freedom?

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

Announcements:

Please don't forget that our annual congregational meeting is today, right after service. Please grab a donut hole or two and head right back in here so we can start promptly. It's very important that we have enough people here in Cole Hall to make up a quorum, so please stay if you can. Those online will be able to vote, but they are not counted toward the quorum.

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

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."

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.

MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

Honoring who we have been, embracing who we feel called to be, we come together as an inclusive and diverse community, growing in love and truth, courageously collaborating to liberate one another from hurt and hate and to create hope and justice.

Toward that aim, we proclaim these as our aspirations:

- *We aspire to the highest levels of trust. To be trustworthy, we will show up, do what we say we will do and communicate with kindness. To practice trust, we will focus on the best within people.*
- *We aspire to accept responsibility for the impact of our words and actions rather than seek absolution through our intent.*
- *We aspire to be a community where resources, opportunities and responsibilities are shared among all members.*
- *We aspire to be honest. We frame issues for accuracy and understanding rather than distort them for persuasive advantage.*
- *We aspire to be always cultivating an anti-racist, anti-oppressive community. We work for collective liberation, always striving to dismantle white supremacy.*
- *We aspire to aid in the success of our leaders by staying informed, participating in the democratic process, and taking our place in leadership as we are able. We honor collective decisions even when we do not agree.*
- *We aspire to a fully shared ministry. To this end we delegate responsibility with clear requests. We will honor the creativity and autonomy of the person who has taken on a responsibility by allowing them the latitude to meet the objectives their own way.*
- *We aspire to build a community which values celebration and fun.*

Our covenant is not a contract. It is a declaration of aspirations, not ultimatums. It is a living document, which will evolve as we do. We all will fall short sometimes. When we do, we will recognize our own responsibility for repair and respond resourcefully with love for others and ourselves.