WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Juneteenth

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Worship Associate: MPUUC ARO Team
Worship Host: Melissa Holmes
Music: Von Bringhurst and Peak Performers

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

Centering Thought

"Freeing yourself was one thing, claiming ownership of that freed self was another." *Toni Morrison*
"Struggle is a never ending process. Freedom is never really won, you earn it and win it in every generation." *Coretta Scott King*
"If the cruelties of slavery could not stop us, the opposition we now face will surely fail. Because the goal of America is freedom, abused and scorned tho' we may be, our destiny is tied up with America's destiny." *Martin Luther King Jr.*
"Juneteenth has never been a celebration of victory or an acceptance of the way things are. It's a celebration of progress. It's an affirmation that despite the most painful parts of our history, change is possible—and there is still so much work to do." *Barack Obama*
"I would like to be remembered as a person who wanted to be free… so other people would be also free." *Rosa Parks*

Prelude	*'O Freedom'*	*Stanford Talisman Chorus*
Bell		Rev. Greg Ward
Call To Worship	*The History and Context of American Negro Spirituals*	Rev. Barbara Meyers
Chalice Lighting	*Glory, Glory Hallelujah!*	Michelle Wallace Von Bringhurst and Peak Performers
Welcome		Valerie Stewart
Welcome Song	*Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen* Traditional American Negro Spiritual	Rev Barbara Meyers Von Bringhurst and Peak Performers
Story for All Ages	*Follow the Drinking Gourd*	Reading Rainbow / Levar Burton
Joys and Concerns Invitation		Rev. Greg Ward
Song of Reflection	Wade in the Water Traditional American Negro Spiritual	Terri King
Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Greg Ward
Anthem	Swing Low, Sweet Chariot Traditional American Negro Spiritual	Von Bringhurst with Peak Performers
Appropriation and Misappropriation and Reparation		Rev. Greg Ward
Closing Hymn	Michael, Row the Boat Ashore Traditional American Negro Spiritual	Kathi Bayne Von Bringhurst and Peak Performers

Extinguishing the Chalice #456 Rev. Greg Ward

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: June 22 – "The Poetry and Stories of John Porter**"**
John Porter and Friends will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Greg Ward. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Jo Ann Schriner, Knuti VanHoven will provide our music.

For over 20 years, John Porter has brought really important leadership to MPUUC. HIs two poetry groups are an inspiring way of drawing upon the wisdom of the world's great poets. This service will call upon John and members of his poetry groups to share some of the most powerful and memorable selections of his own poetry, haiku and stories.

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

Announcements:

Our Juneteenth Picnic is today after service in Lake Elizabeth Park at Lions 1 near the Boat House. We could use some help getting supplies from the office to the picnic site, so anyone with space in their car and a willingness to lend a hand please find Kathi Bayne or Rev Barbara.

Anyone helping with setup for our Juneteenth picnic, please head to the picnic site immediately after service. If you need to pick up tents or other items in the office please see Kathi, Barbara, or a Board member. Thank you to all who are helping!

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.