WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Pride before the Fall

Worship Leader: Rev. Johnnie Bloom Ramirez
Worship Host: Erik Alm
Worship Associates: Michelle Wallace/Kathi Bayne/ Rev. Barbara Meyers
Music: Peggy Raman

Sunday, June 29, 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 29, 2025 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thoughts

"Gay Pride was not born of a need to celebrate being gay, but our right to exist without persecution. So instead of wondering why there isn't a 'straight pride movement,' be glad you don't need one" - Anonymous

"We are not what other people say we are. We are who we know ourselves to be, and we are what we love," – Laverne Cox

"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are." – E.E. Cummings

"The single best thing about coming out of the closet is that nobody can insult you by telling you what you've just told them." – Rachel Maddow

"To be fully seen by somebody, then, and be loved anyhow – this is a human offering that can border on miraculous." – Elizabeth Gilbert

"Gender is between your ears and not between your legs." – Chaz Bono

Prelude	*Born This Way* Lady Gaga and Jeppe Laursen	Peggy Rahman: Piano Knuti Van Hoven: Singing
Bell		Rev. Barbara Meyers
Call To Worship	"Exploding Out of the Closet"	Michelle Wallace
Chalice Lighting	"The Pride Flame" By Linda Lee Franson	Rev. Barbara Meyers
Welcome		Valerie Stewart
Welcome Song	*Somewhere Over the Rainbow* Music: Harold Arlen, Lyrics: Yip Harburg	Peggy Rahman
Time for all Ages	*From the Stars in the Sky to the Fish in the Sea* Kai Cheng Thom	Rev. Johnnie (Vivienne)
Testimonial		Jenna Daugherty
Practice of Generosity (Offering)		Rev. Barbara Meyers

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Joys and Concerns Invitation		Rev. Johnnie (Vivienne)
Song of Reflection	Improvisation of #170 We Are a Gentle Angry People	Peggy Rahman

Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Johnnie (Vivienne)
Reading / Reflection	"*Mattering*" By Mark Hicks *(adapted from the words of a gay, disabled, Latino high school student)*	Rev. Johnnie (Vivienne)
Message	"*Pride, Before the Fall*"	Rev. Johnnie (Vivienne)
Anthem	*"This Is Me"* B. Pasek and J. Paul	Rev. Johnnie (Vivienne)
Reading	"*Jesus at the Gay Bar"*	Rev. Barbara Meyers
Closing Hymn	*"We Shall Not Be Moved"* By Alfred Henry Ackley adapted by Pete Seeger	Peggy Rahman
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.	Kathi Bayne
Benediction	#680 Because of Those Who Came Before Rev. Barbara J. Pescan	Rev. Johnnie (Vivienne)

Next Week's Service: July 6 – "Quantum Physics and Universalism"

Sharon Davis will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Paul K. Davis. Worship Host will be Melissa Holmes. Next Week's Music will come from our music archives

Quantum physics and Universalism may seem to have little to do with each other. But after I read "Waves in an Impossible Sea: How Everyday Life Emerges from the Cosmic Ocean" by Matt Strassler, I realized that the laws of physics make us aspects of the universe. Physics reveals a universal truth: we are part of the universe, and it is part of us.

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

Announcements:

Please mark your calendars to join us on Saturday August 16 at 1:00 pm to hold a celebration for the life of John Porter

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.