WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



We the People

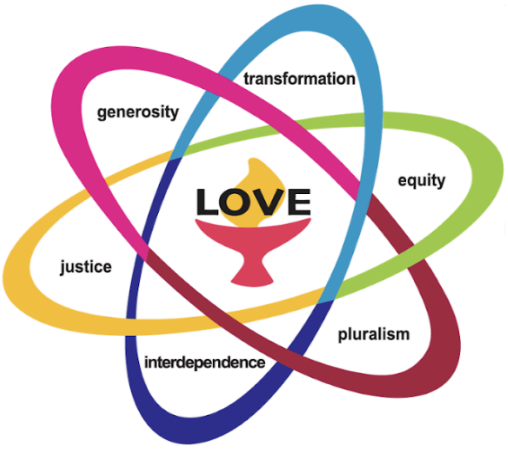
Worship Leader: Don Ramie
Worship Associate: Mark Rahman
Worship Host: Elizabeth Bartmess
Music: Jo Ann Schriner, Knuti VanHoven

Sunday, July 27, 2025 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Re-storing

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, July 27, 2025 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"The good of man must be the end of the science of politics."
—Aristotle

"The danger is not that a particular class is unfit to govern. Every class is unfit to govern."
—Lord Acton

"The Spirit that prevails among men of all degrees, all ages and sexes is the Spirit of Liberty."
—Abigail Adams, 1775

"A government of laws, and not of men."
—John Adams

"Judges ought to remember that their office is to interpret law and not to make or give law."
—Francis Bacon

Prelude

Bell — Don Ramie

Call To Worship — Mark Rahman

Chalice Lighting — Mark Rahman

Welcome — Mark Rahman

Welcome Song — Hymn #1029 *Love Knocks*, Words and Music by Daniel C. Damon — Knuti Van Hoven, Jo Ann Schriner

Time for all Ages — *Gather 'Round*, David Covell — Don Ramie, storyteller

Practice of Generosity (Offering) — Mark Rahman

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Joys and Concerns Invitation — Don Ramie

Song of Reflection	Medley: *Freedom is Coming* with *We Shall Not Be Moved*	Jo Ann Schriner
Shared Joys & Concerns		Don Ramie
Reading / Reflection	Quotation from Thomas Jefferson while representative to France, 1784	Don Ramie
Anthem	*My Life Flows On In Endless Song* Robert Lowry	Duet by Jo Ann Schirner and Knuti Van Hoven
Message	*We the People*	Don Ramie
Closing Hymn	Hymn #1068 *Rising Green* Words and music by Carolyn McDade	Knuti Van Hoven, Jo Ann Schriner
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		Don Ramie

Next Week's Service: August 3 – "A Gospel of Ignorance (Constitutional Calamity Edition)"
Rev. Chris Schriner will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Chris Cook. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Jo Ann Schriner and Knuti VanHoven will provide our music.

Thomas Edison once said, "We don't know a millionth of one percent about anything." Many UUs would agree, bringing a skeptical attitude to the supposed certainties of religion, psychology, and politics. We love to learn, and sometimes it seems as if the more we know, the more we realize that we don't know. But could admitting ignorance be a kind of gospel? Could facing the limits of our knowledge be "good news?" How could that be, here in America, when democratic values are under relentless attack?

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Announcements:

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.