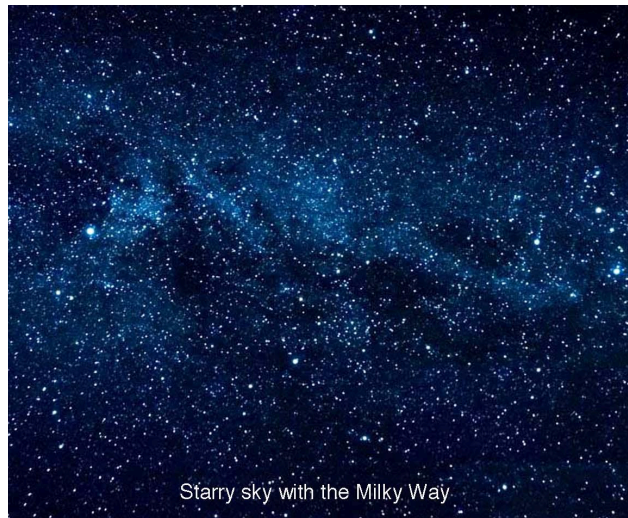


WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Starry sky with the Milky Way

A Gospel of Ignorance (Constitutional Calamity Edition)

Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Schriener
Worship Associate: Chris Cook

Worship Host: Steve Wallcave
Music: Jo Ann Schriener, Knuti VanHoven

Sunday, August 3, 2025 10:00 AM

Service theme for the month: Re-membering

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, August 3, 2025 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"Real knowledge is knowing the extent of one's ignorance." – Confucius

There is a "mountain of empirical evidence showing that our explanations as to why we acted are extremely unreliable." – Adrian Downey

"Don't pretend that you know me, 'cause I don't even know myself." – The Who

"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science." – Albert Einstein

"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo. "So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." – JRR Tolkien

Prelude

Jo Ann Schriner

Bell

Rev. Chris Schriner

Call To Worship

Chris Cook

Chalice Lighting

Chris Cook

Welcome

Jay Steele

Welcome Song

1003 Where Do We Come From?
Paul Gaugin and Brian Tate

Peak Performers

Meditation and Conversation for All Ages

Rev. Chris Schriner

Practice of Generosity (Offering)

Chris Cook

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Joys and Concerns Invitation

Rev. Chris Schriner

Song of Reflection Where Do We Come From, Building Bridges, Blue Boat Home

Jo Ann Schriner

Shared Joys & Concerns

Reading

The Restaurant at the End of the Universe
Douglas Adams

Rev. Chris Schriner

Anthem	It Ain't Necessarily So G. Gershwin, Du Bose and Dorothy Heyward, I. Gershwin	Knuti VanHoven, Jo Ann Schriner
Message	A Gospel of Ignorance (Constitutional Calamity Edition)	Rev. Chris Schriner
Closing Hymn	1064 Blue Boat Home Mayer and Prichard, arr. Jason Shelton	Knuti VanHoven, 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.	Chris Cook
Benediction		Rev. Chris Schriner

Next Week's Service: August 10 – "2025 Annual Music Celebration"

Drew Wilson, Paul K. Davis, Von Bringhurst and Great Musicians will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associates Drew Wilson and Paul K. Davis. Worship Host will be Melissa Holmes. Peak Performers and Solos will provide our music.

Music forms an integral part of UU worship services. "Music is the language of the spirit. It opens the secret of life bringing peace, abolishing strife." -Kahlil Gibran Mission Peak musicians will join together to celebrate the spirit and power of music in our congregation.

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

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.

Resources:

Dr. Chris Schriner's blog, "Did God Really Say THAT!? A Blog about the Bible - <https://didgodreallysaythat.wordpress.com>

Doug Muder's blog on politics: The Weekly Sift - Making sense of the news one week at a time - <https://weeklysift.com>

For fact-checking: Snopes.com