WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



2025 MPUUC Annual Music Celebration

Worship Leader: Drew Wilson, Paul K. Davis, Von Bringhurst, Guest Musicians
Worship Host: Melissa Holmes
Worship Associate: Drew Wilson, Paul K. Davis
Music: Peak Performers and Solos

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

Centering Thought

"He took his pain and turned it into something beautiful. Into something that people connect to. And that's what good music does. It speaks to you. It changes you."
— Hannah Harrington, Saving June

Prelude

Bell — Paul K. Davis

Call To Worship — Drew Wilson

Chalice Lighting — Ariel Smith-Iyer

Welcome — Valerie Stewart

Welcome Song — **Hymn #346:** Come Sing a Song with Me, Words and music: Carolyn McDade — Congregation led by Peak Performers

Practice for all Ages — Meditation on Breathing, Words & music: Sarah Dan Jones — Everyone

Practice of Generosity (Offering) — Drew Wilson

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- Mail check to MPUUC P.O. Box 545 Fremont, CA 94537-0545
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Anthem — **Angel of Music, from *Phantom of the Opera*** Andrew Lloyd Webber — Paul Davis and Jo Ann Schriner

Joys and Concerns Invitation — Paul K. Davis

Song of Reflection — The Prayer, Carole Bayer Sager and David Foster — Knuti VanHoven, Von Bringhurst, Jo Ann Schriner

Shared Joys & Concerns — Paul K. Davis

Congregational Anthem	Hymn #18: What Wondrous Love is This Words: American folk hymn; New words by Connie Campbell Hart Music from *The Southern Harmony*	Congregation led by Peak Performers
Reading / Reflection	Sonnet 8 William Shakespeare	Drew Wilson
Anthem	**I've heard an Organ Talk Sometimes** from *Twelve Poems of Emily Dickinson* Aaron Copland	Drew Wilson and Shauna Pickett-Gordon
Anthem	**How Can I Keep from Singing** Quaker Hymn arr. Gwyneth Walker	Peak Performers
Message	Music From the Heart	Von Bringhurst
Closing Hymn	Hymn #1059: May Your Life Be As a Song Words: Jim Scott; Music: Yuri Zaritsky	Congregation led by Peak Performers
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.	Paul K. Davis
Benediction		Von Bringhurst

Next Week's Service: August 17 – "God is Betting on Us - I - For the Love of the Game"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Chris Cook. Worship Host will be Elizabeth Bartmess. Jay Steele will provide our music.

This sermon trilogy opens one hundred and four years ago, when eight Chicago White Sox players were permanently banned from baseball for desecrating the sport's sacred code: they bet on the game. More accurately, they received payoffs to throw the 1919 World Series, allowing the gambling syndicate to profit. The incident cast a stain on the good name of baseball - and threatened to be the achilles heel of sports integrity. This service will pay tribute to what is beautiful and good about athletic competition as well as ask whether corruption within games of chance are making a mockery of games of sport. We will also ponder the adjacent corruption threatening society at large.

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.