WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



The Divine Feminine

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Meyers
Worship Associate: Paul K. Davis

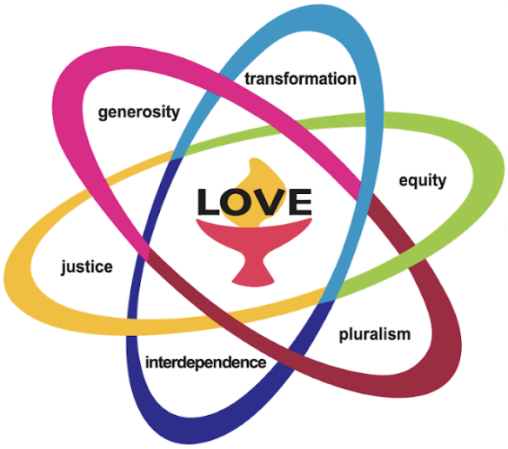
Worship Host: Erik Alm
Music: Peggy Rahman

Sunday, August 31, 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 31, 2025 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"As women, we have come to distrust that power which rises from our deepest and nonrational knowledge. We have been warned against it all our lives by the male world, which values this depth of feeling enough to keep women around in order to exercise it in the service of men, but which fears this same depth too much to examine the possibilities of it within themselves."
- Audra Lorde

"As women struggle to create a new culture in which women's power, bodies, will, and bonds are celebrated, it is natural that the Goddess would reemerge as a symbol of the newfound beauty, strength, and power of women." -
- Carol Christ

Prelude	*Ancient Mother* by Robert Gass	
Bell		Rev. Barbara Meyers
Call To Worship		Paul K. Davis
Chalice Lighting		Paul K. Davis
Welcome		Mark Rahman
Welcome Song	*#1069 Ancient Mother* - Sung 3 Times Traditional Navajo prayer	Peggy Rahman / Jo Ann Schriner
Time for all Ages	*The Myth of Hades and Persephone* Iseult Gillespie	TED ED

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Paul K. Davis

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Joys and Concerns Invitation		Rev. Barbara Meyers
Song of Reflection	*Now I Recall My Childhood* Music Alfred Morton Smith, Words: Rabindranath Tagore	Peggy Rahman / Jo Ann Schriner

Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Barbara Meyers
Homily	The Divine Feminine	Paul K. Davis
Anthem	*Ave Maria* Franz Schubert and Sir Walter Scott	Peggy Rahman / Jo Ann Schriner
Message	Encountering the Divine Feminine	Rev. Barbara Meyers
Closing Hymn	*#1067 Mother Earth Beloved Garden* Words and Music: Amanda Udis-Kessler	Peggy Rahman / 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.	Paul K. Davis
Benediction		Rev. Barbara Meyers

Next Week's Service: September 7 – "God is Betting on Us - II - For the Love of the People Who Play"
Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Mark Rahman. Worship Host will be Elizabeth Bartmess. Peak Performers will provide our music.

Continuing in the second part of this sermon trilogy, we turn our attention to the people who are part of the action - those who have 'skin in the game.' The world of the recently legalized sports betting industry is, of course, filled with winners and losers. But when we learn that the game is rigged and people are living at risk of what they can't afford to lose, should someone step in to protect them? And what happens when political interests make similar wagers on social welfare or democracy itself? This is a sermon on what we do about people caught on the losing end of bad bets.

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

Announcements:

We have a very special guest for Lunch and Learn September 14, 2025 after service.
Rev Barry Cammer from Black Wealth Builders Fund will host a 1 hour activity, a Monopoly-like game of wealth gap simulation, that makes it easy to understand how the wealth gap came about.
Please join us for soup and fun.

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.