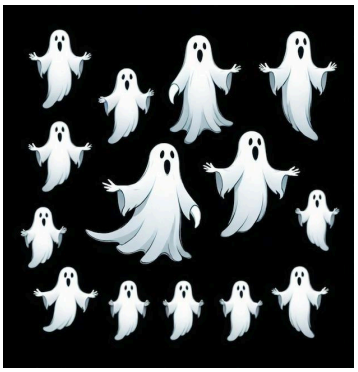
WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Whitesplaining to White People

Worship Leader: Mark Rahman
Worship Associate: Terri King
Worship Host: Erik Alm
Music: Jay Steele

Sunday, September 21, 2025 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Building Belonging

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, September 21, 2025 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"It's easier to fool people than to convince them that they have been fooled. " *- Mark Twain*

"At the end of the day people won't remember what you said or did,
they will remember how you made them feel" *-Maya Angelou*

I am not asking you as a white person to see yourself as an enslaver. I'm asking you as an American to see all of the freedoms that you enjoy and see how they are rooted in things that the country you belong to condoned or actively participated in the past. *Ta-Nehisi Coates*

"I imagine one of the reasons people cling to their hates so stubbornly is because they sense, once hate is gone, they will be forced to deal with pain." *-James Baldwin*

Prelude

Bell Mark Rahman

Call To Worship Terri King

Chalice Lighting Terri King

Welcome Jay Steele

Welcome Song Hymn #127 Can I See Another's Woe? Jay Steele
Words: William Blake, Music: Erfurt

Time for all Ages Video One: "Empathy vs Sympathy"

Brene' Brown
Video Two: "It's Not About the Nail"
Jason Headley

Testimonial / Pulpitorial **MPUUC has the Treasure of ARO** Barbara Meyers

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Terri King

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Joys and Concerns Invitation Mark Rahman

Song of Reflection Black or White Jay Steele

by Michael Jackson

Shared Joys & Concerns		Mark Rahman
Reading / Reflection	Letter From Birmingham Jail (Excerpt) Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr	Mark Rahman
Anthem	A change is going to come Sam Cooke	Jay Steele
Message	Whitesplainin' to White People	Mark Rahman
Closing Hymn	Hymn #292 If I can Stop One Heart From Breaking Words: Emily Dickinson, Music: Leo Smit	Jay Steele
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.	Terri King
Benediction		Mark Rahman

Next Week's Service: September 28 – "God is Betting on Us - Part III - This Superman Moment"
Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Don Ramie. Worship Host will be Elizabeth Bartmess. Jo Ann Schriner, Knuti VanHoven will provide our music.

In this concluding segment of the sermon trilogy, we will use one of the most iconic figures of American culture to help reveal evidence showing the ways society has slipped into unprecedented low in civility. MAGA critics pushed hard on the claim that the new Superman movie is 'wokism'. But the real truth is we have simply allowed greed, selfishness and cruelty to become normalized - making kindness and decency seem odd or unusual. This is a sermon that asks us how we might restore 'truth, justice and the American Way.'

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

Announcements:

The MPUUC directory of members and friends has been updated and is available on the members-only section of our website, **www.mpuuc.org/members-only**. You need one password for the members-only section, and another to open the directory. If you do not recall your passwords, please email our Congregational Administrator at **office@mpuuc.org**.

We're hosting our 3rd annual Diwali potluck dinner on Monday Oct 20th. MPUUC will order some south Asian main dishes, you bring the sides, wear your favorite salwar if you like or just come in something comfy. There will be an opportunity to make some art and be together, celebrating the Festival of Light, the triumph of good over evil- don't miss it! RSVP required, find it in Week on the Peak.

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.