

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Return Again

Worship Leader: Rev. Jim McKinley
Worship Associate: Paul K. Davis

Worship Host: David Johnson
Music: Peak Performers with Von Bringham

Sunday, October 5, 2025 10:00 AM

Service theme for the month: Cultivating Compassion

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, October 5, 2025 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thoughts

"Each of us has a unique part to play in the healing of the world."

Marianne Williamson

"I believe there's a calling for all of us. I know that every human being has value and purpose. The real work of our lives is to become aware. And awakened. To answer the call."

Oprah Winfrey

"I often say to people that if you are engaged in work that can be finished in your lifetime, it's not big enough. Your life's project should be longer and larger than your lifespan."

Raphael Warnock

We are called to respond in some sort of transformative way that is good for the world. The world doesn't need us to fix its anxiety, but it needs us to show up. It needs us to care.

Rev. Greg Ward

Return again, Return again, Return to the home of your soul. Return to who you are. Return to what you are, Return to where you are, born and reborn again.

Schlomo Carlebach

"To Come Home to Yourself" May all that is unforgiven in you, be released. May your fears yield their deepest

tranquillities. May all that is un-lived in you blossom into a future graced with love.

John O'Donohue

Prelude

Bell

Rev. Jim McKinley

Call To Worship

Paul K. Davis

Chalice Lighting

Paul K. Davis

*We light this chalice to remind ourselves to treat all people kindly,
because we are all one family;*

To take good care of the Earth, because it is our home;

*To live lives full of goodness and love, because that is how we will become
the best people we can be.*

Welcome

Drew Wilson

Welcome Song

Hymn #1011 Return Again
Schlomo Carlebach

Time for all Ages

The Invisible String
Story by Patricia Karts, illustrations by Joanne Lew-Vriethoff

Rev. Jim McKinley

Practice of Generosity (Offering)

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Paul K. Davis



Joys and Concerns Invitation		Rev. Jim McKinley
Song of Reflection		Von Bringhurst, piano
Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Jim McKinley
Readings	The Green Growing Edge Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman For a New Beginning John O'Donohue	Rev. Jim McKinley
Anthem	For the Beauty of the Earth Folliott S. Pierpoint, words; Conrad Kocher, music; arr. Shauna Pickett-Gordon	Peak Performers Directed by Von Bringhurst
Message	Return Again	Rev. Jim McKinley
Closing Hymn	#1007 There's a River Flowin' in My Soul Rose Sanders	
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. Jim McKinley

Next Week's Service: October 12 – "A Witness to Goodness"

Rev. Jim McKinley will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Don Ramie. Worship Host will be Elizabeth Bartmess. Jay and Jessica Steele will provide our music.

My friend, Dave, who is a year and a half out from surgery to remove a brain tumor said that in the midst of these difficult times, we can be, each in our own way, a witness to goodness. That's a good, simple descriptor for how I've been trying to navigate the turmoil of the last year responsibly and sustainably. I feel more grounded, yes, even empowered than I've felt in many years. I hope you find some helpful goodness in our sharing to carry with you as well.

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.

A Very Important Message for ALL MPUUC Members - The Board is recruiting a SEARCH TEAM for our future Minister. Any Member who wishes to participate is welcome. Please email Valerie Stewart for more information if you are interested. Secretary@MPUUC.org

Diwali is coming up and MPUUC is hosting it's 3rd annual potluck dinner. We'll order a few south Asian main dishes, you bring the side dishes, dress up if you like or wear what's comfy. There will be an opportunity to make some art while we come together to enjoy good company, celebrating the Festival of Light. 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.