WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



A Witness to Goodness

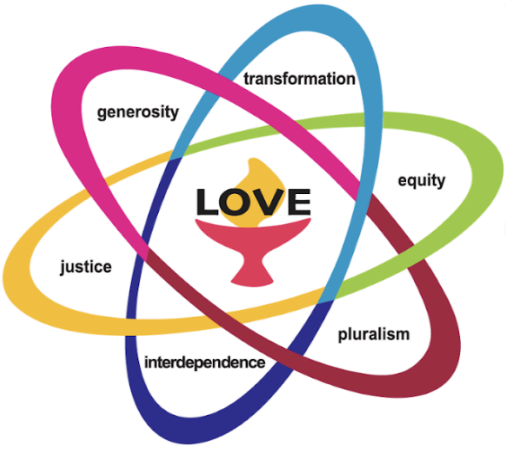
Worship Leader: Rev. Jim McKinley
Worship Associate: Don Ramie
Worship Host: Elizabeth Bartmess
Music: Jay and Jessica Steele

Sunday, October 12, 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 12, 2025 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"Hope is optimism with a broken heart. Our demoralisation becomes the most serious impediment to bettering our world. In its active form, hope is a supreme gesture of love, a radical audacious duty." - *Nick Cave*

*"You do not have to **be** good. You do not have to walk on your knees for a hundred miles through the desert repenting. You only have to let the soft animal of your body love what it loves."* - *Mary Oliver (emphasis added)*

"My most elemental definition of spiritual life at its best is that it is about befriending reality. That it helps us befriend the way things are." - *Krista Tippett*

"Each seed of goodness we plant grows roots deep enough to hold the world steady." - *Carlos Wallace*

"There's some good in this world and it's worth fighting for." - *Samwise Gamgee*

"Living well is the best revenge." - *George Herbert*

Prelude Hymn #38 Morning Has Broken — Jay Steele
Words by Eleanor Farjeon

Bell — Rev. Jim McKinley

Call To Worship — Don Ramie

Chalice Lighting — Ariel Smith-Iyer

We are Unitarian Universalist *(open arms wide toward each other)*
Who put love at the center of our lives *(hands on heart)*
May this chalice we light today *(light the chalice)*
lead us as we explore, share, and play! *(everyone shakes their bodies or does a silly dance)*

Welcome — Valerie Stewart

Welcome Song Hymn #1010 We Give Thanks — Jay and Jessica Steele
Words and music by Wendy Perkins, arranged by Susan Peck

Time for all Ages Dorothea's Big Heart: A True Story About Compassion and Dignity — Ariel Smith-Iyer
A Unitarian Universalist Wisdom Tale

Song to sing the children out This Little Light of Mine
Word and music: African American Spiritual

Practice of Generosity (Offering) — Don Ramie

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Joys and Concerns Invitation		Rev. Jim McKinley
Song of Reflection	Whistle Down The Wind Andrew Lloyd Webber	Jay and Jessica Steele
Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Jim McKinley
Reading / Reflection	from On Being with Krista Tippett and Nick Cave from Lord of the Rings # 1 by J.R.R. Tolkien	Rev. Jim McKinley
Anthem	Hymn #1031 Filled with Loving Kindness Adapted by Mark Hyer, music by Ian Riddell	Jay and Jessica Steele
Message	A Witness to Goodness	Rev. Jim McKinley
Closing Hymn	Hymn # 124 Be That Guide Words by Carl G. Seaburg, music by Thomas Benjamin	Jay and Jessica 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.	Don Ramie
Benediction		Rev. Jim McKinley

Next Week's Service: October 19 – "My Father's Name"

ARO will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Jim McKinley. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Peak Rocks archive will provide our music.

Years after his death, Lee Ed Frazier's daughter, Jan, made a shocking discovery. When he was a young man, her father participated in a lynching. It was an iconic moment because the story and photos were published in Time and Life magazines - the first time actual photos were included in national publications. Those articles supported anti-lynching legislation. Additionally, she realized that no names of the lynchers were ever published. The photographer was even protected by a cloak of anonymity. Shaken by this white privilege and the brutality it sought to minimize, Jan had to sort through the conflicted feelings of love for her father and belief in accountability for harm done.

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

Announcements:

This Friday is your last chance to RSVP for MPUUC's annual Diwali potluck dinner. Happening a week from tomorrow, Mon Oct 20th. Mission Peak will order some south Asian main dishes, you bring the side dishes. Come dressed to impress or comfy causal. There will be many lights to celebrate the Festival of Lights, and an art project too. See Week on the Peak for rsvp info.

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.