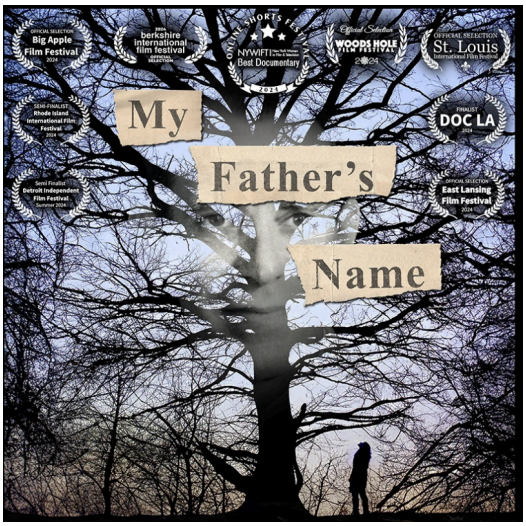
WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



My Father's Name

Worship Leader: ARO
Worship Associate: Rev. Jim McKinley

Worship Host: Steve Wallcave
Music: Peak Rock Archives / Oakland Chancel Choir

Sunday, October 19, 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 19, 2025 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"Time was when lynching appeared to be sectional. Now, though, it is national — a blight upon our nation, mocking our laws and disgracing our Christianity," - Ida B. Wells, 1909

Historians studying the era have detailed how even when local residents knew who the perpetrators were, "white citizens closed ranks to protect their own and rarely were mob leaders identified". - Sherrilyn Ifill

"Driving home later that night, Dees lamented that young black people born after the end of the civil rights era knew almost nothing about those who had died so they could live freer lives. And those of the white race knew even less about one of the most important social and political movements in American history." - Laurence Learner

Prelude

Bell — Rev. Barbara Meyers

Call To Worship — Kathi Bayne

Chalice Lighting — Elizabeth Schaefer

Welcome — Mark Rahman

Welcome Song — #188 *Come, Come, Whoever You Are* — Oakland Chancel Choir
Words: Adaption from Rumi; Music: Lynn Adair Unger

Introduce Share the Plate — Equal Justice Initiative — Rev. Jim McKinley

Share the Plate — Rev. Jim McKinley

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Joys and Concerns Invitation — Rev Barbara Meyers

Song of Reflection — *Who Will Pay Reparations on My Soul?* — Peak Rocks
Gil Scott-Heron

Shared Joys & Concerns — Rev. Barbara Meyers

Reflection	Lynching Tree at a Universalist Church	Joetta Prost
Reading	About *"Strange Fruit"*	Michelle Wallace
Message	Movie: *My Father's Name* Producer: Susanna Styron	Movie Showing
Closing Hymn	*A Change is Gonna Come* Sam Cooke	Peak Rocks
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.	Elizabeth Schaefer
Benediction		Rev. Barbara Meyers

Next Week's Service: October 26 – "Patterns of Wisdom"

Rev. Jim McKinley will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Mark Rahman. Worship Host will be Melissa Holmes. Von Bringhurst and Peak Performers will provide our music.

It feels like every day brings more "unprecedented" news. We are having trouble finding and keeping our footing. We live in a chronic fog of what George Carlin called "Vuja De". Yet we have guides who can help us regain our orientation. The story of Mary and Martha from the New Testament and legends that followed pass along human wisdom of ways to live well; get your feet back under you, get grounded as it were, amidst the distractions and fears of troubling times. In many ways - we have all been here before.

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

Announcements:

The Black and White auction is back! And this year it's hybrid! Mark your calendars now for the evening of Saturday November 22 and watch Week on the Peak and your email for more information on how you can participate.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOV 2 after Service - your vote needed to determine the length of the term to offer in the Contract Minister search. If you want a copy of the handout from the meeting on Oct.12, with information about the "Contract Minister" search process- please send your request to Secretary@mpuuc.org

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.