

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Patterns of Wisdom

Worship Leader: Rev. Jim McKinley
Worship Associate: Mark Rahman

Worship Host: Melissa Holmes
Music: Peak Performers with Von Bringham

Sunday, October 26, 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 26, 2025 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thoughts

"Finding patterns is the essence of wisdom."

- Dennis Prager

"In moments of insecurity and crisis, shoulds and oughts don't really help; they just increase the shame, guilt, pressure, and likelihood of backsliding. It's the deep yeses that carry us through." - Richard Rohr

"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

"Be aware when distractions come your way. You'll know it's a distraction when you stop doing what you're supposed to be doing and find yourself pondering things that have no value." - Beverly R. Imes

"The world sells distractions at the cost of your life's purpose - the wise don't shop in this market." - anonymous

"Our time is first of all for us to be. To be what? To be alive, to be peaceful, to be joyful, to be loving. And that is what the world needs most." - Thich Nhat Hanh

Prelude

Bell

Rev. Jim McKinley

Call To Worship

Mark Rahman

Chalice Lighting

Mark Rahman

Welcome

Jay Steele

Welcome Song **Hymn 333: Alone She Cuts and Binds the Grain** Peak Performers and Congregation
Words by William Wordsworth, music: A.D. Carden's *Missouri Harmony*

Time for all Ages

from The Velveteen Rabbit
By Margery Williams

Rev. Jim McKinley

Practice of Generosity (Offering)

Mark Rahman

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Joys and Concerns Invitation

Rev. Jim McKinley

Song of Reflection Hymn 396: I Know this Rose will Open (round) Peak Performers and Congregation
Words and music by Mary E. Grigolia

Shared Joys & Concerns

Rev. Jim McKinley

Reflection and Reading

Reflection on my spiritual orientation

Rev. Jim McKinley

Reading: Luke 10: 38-42 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Anthem

We Are One
Brian Tate

Peak Performers, dir. Von Bringhurst

Message

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Closing Hymn

Hymn 1029: Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear Peak Performers and Congregation
Words and music by Daniel Charles Damon

Extinguishing the Chalice

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Mark Rahman

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.

Benediction

Rev. Jim McKinley

Next Week's Service: November 2 – "Isaac Newton the Theologian"

Paul K Davis will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Sharon Davis. Worship Host will be David Johnson.
Jo Ann Schriener, Knuti VanHoven and Guests will provide our music.

It is not generally known that Newton spent much time studying the Bible and formulating theological concepts. He developed an essentially unitarian concept of God and elucidated how the Bible had received small additions to support trinitarianism. But, even more profound was the effect of his science on religion. He dispelled the concept that the sky could be the religious heaven by providing laws of nature which apply equally to earth and the heavens. This is an example of how our search for truth may have unexpected consequences for our spiritual life.

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

Announcements:

November 2 - please join the Congregational Meeting to discuss our Ministerial Search. EVERYONE'S input is valuable and necessary as we move forward.

Today is our Congregational Conversation to discuss the congregational survey and your input for our Ministerial Search. We want everyone to be able to discuss the issues of importance to you. All are welcome.

Our black and white auction is happening November 22. You received an email on Monday with details about how to buy tickets and submit your offering. All items must be submitted by Friday November 14. See John Schaefer with any questions.

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.