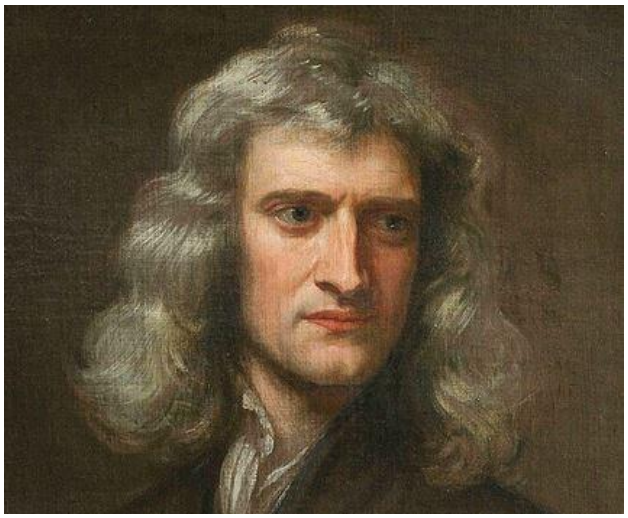
WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Isaac Newton the Theologian

Worship Leader: Paul K. Davis
Worship Associate: Sharon Davis

Worship Host: David Johnson
Music: Jo Ann Schriner, Knuti VanHoven, Sharon Davis

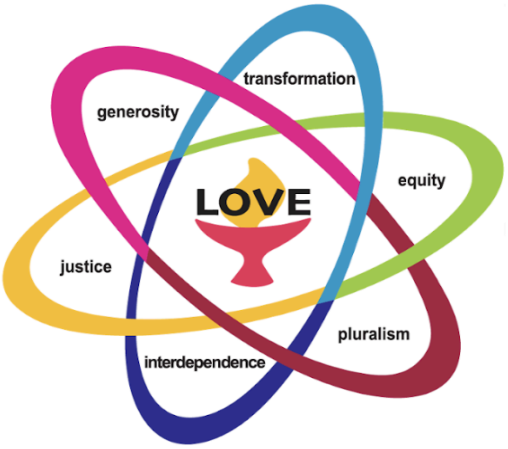
Sunday, November 2, 2025 10:00 AM

Service theme for the month: Nurturing Gratitude

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, November 2, 2025 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thoughts

"Nature and Nature's laws lay hid in night./ God said, 'Let Newton be!' and all was light."
-- Alexander Pope
"Newton explored in Nature's scenes the effect and cause,/ And, charm'd, unravelled all her latent laws."
-- Erasmus Darwin
"If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." -- Isaac Newton
"Plato is my friend, Aristotle is my friend, but my best friend is truth." -- Isaac Newton
"We are not here concerned with hopes or fears, only with the truth as far as our reason permits us to discover it."
-- Charles Darwin

Prelude

Bell Paul K Davis

Call To Worship Sharon Davis

Chalice Lighting Sharon Davis

Welcome Drew Wilson

Welcome Song 283 The Spacious Firmament Knuti VanHoven, Sharon Davis, Jo Ann Schriner
J. Addison

Time for all Ages Who Was Isaac Newton? Paul K Davis
By Janet B Pascal, illustrations by Tim Foley

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Sharon Davis
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Joys and Concerns Invitation Paul K Davis

Song of Reflection Star Medley Jo Ann Schriner

Shared Joys & Concerns Paul K Davis

Reading / Reflection Reflections on Some Particular Bible Passages Paul K Davis
Joseph Stein; author of Genesis; authors of 1 & 2 Samuel

Anthem	It Ain't Necessarily So Gershwin, Du Bose and Heyward	Knuti VanHoven, Sharon Davis, Jo Ann Schriner
Message	Isaac Newton the Theologian	Paul K Davis
Closing Hymn	1064 Blue Boat Home Mayer and Prichard	Knuti VanHoven, Sharon Davis, Jo Ann Schriner
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.	Sharon Davis
Benediction		Paul K Davis

Next Week's Service: November 9 – "Understanding Joy"

Rev. Jim McKinley will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Terri King. Worship Host will be Melissa Holmes. Jo Ann Schriner will provide our music.

Joy as both concept and reality is important to me; in a simple, deep, understated way. Parenthetically, happiness may touch on joy and overlap, but it's not to be confused or conflated with how I understand joy. Joy is basic and foundational. It's central to my theology and how I frame and practice hope. It's our birthright, each of us, everyone, always. And yes, joy is resistance. I know this. Now to put that into words.

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

Announcements:

Today is our Congregational Meeting to decide how we will describe the minister we will seek. We are so glad you are part of the conversation.

There is less than three weeks until our black and white auction. Please buy your tickets and submit your offering this week to help with planning.

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.