WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Guest at Your Table

Worship Leader: UU Service Committee Staff
Worship Associate: Rev. Barbara Meyers
Worship Host: Elizabeth Bartmess
Music: Peggy Rahman and Drew Wilson

Sunday, November 30, 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 30, 2025 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"It means a great deal to those who are oppressed to know that they are not alone. Never let anyone tell you that what you are doing is insignificant." *Desmond Tutu*

"You can only protect your liberties in this world by protecting the other man's freedom. You can only be free if I am free." *Clarence Darrow*

"Activism works. So what I'm telling you to do now, is to act. Because no one is too small to make a difference." *Greta Thunberg*

"The candle burns not for us, but for all those whom we failed to rescue from prison, who were shot on the way to prison, who were tortured, who were kidnapped, who 'disappeared'. That's what the candle is for." *Peter Benenson*

"We are way more powerful when we turn to each other and not on each other, when we celebrate our diversity… and together tear down the mighty walls of injustice." *Cynthia McKinney*

"Freedom is never granted; it is won. Justice is never given; it is exacted." *A. Philip Randolph*

Prelude

Bell Rev. Barbara Meyers

Call To Worship Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

Chalice Lighting Rev. Barbara Meyers

Our chalice is a reminder that in hard times, our ancestors in faith acted with courage to bring hope and safety, to threatened people.
We light it today as a reminder of who we are called to be in a world still dangerous and despairing.
With courage, and faith, we bring ourselves to the work before us.

Welcome Valerie Stewart

Welcome Song #155 Circle 'Round for Freedom — Peggy Rahman
Composed by Linda Hirschorn

Time for all Ages *Planting Seeds of Justice Reflection* — Rev. Barbara Meyers
Rev. Sara LaWall

Testimonial Guest At Your Table - Meet This Year's Guests — UUSC

Share the Plate Rev. Barbara Meyers

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Joys and Concerns Invitation Rev. Barbara Meyers

Song of Reflection	*Wake Now My Senses* Original Arrangement of a Traditional Irish Melody	Peggy Rahman
Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Barbara Meyers
Reading / Reflection	We Who Dwell on the Margins Rev. Wendy Bartell	Rev. Barbara Meyers
Anthem	*You've Got To Be Carefully Taught* From South Pacific by Rogers and Hammerstein	Drew Wilson and Peggy Rahman
Message	*Guest At Your Table*	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
Closing Hymn	#1017 Building a New Way Composed by Martha Sandefer; Arranged by Jim Scott	Peggy Rahman
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.	Rev. Barbara Meyers
Benediction		Rev. Barbara Meyers

Next Week's Service: December 7 – "Notes Gathered Along the Way**"**
Rev. Jim McKinley will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Paul K. Davis. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Peak Performers (and Guests) with Von Bringhurst will provide our music.

This will be the last Sunday service I lead at Mission Peak - this time anyway. There may be thoughts you've noticed and remembered and questions that have stayed with you around what we've shared; insights that came up from our conversation together; things to add in. Notes gathered along the way. I'll have mine. Send and bring yours. It'll create a rich, wonderful mix. Let's enter the month of December with sharing our gifts and wrapping up our time together with a bow.

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

Announcements:

This coming Saturday is our annual Cookies and Carols event. No rsvp required just bring some cookies you'd like to decorate, we'll have all the decoration supplies, here in Cole Hall Sat Dec 6th from 3:30-5pm.

Tomorrow, December 1, is Trans AIDS Day, a day to reflect on the **millions of lives lost to HIV-related illness** and the ongoing fight against this epidemic within the trans community

ARO is putting up a display of some of the books that have been banned somewhere in our country. We start at Fremont Main Library in the Children's section Monday, Dec 1 at 2:15 PM. We are supporting the free search for knowledge for our children. Please come by to help or take pictures OR stop by later. The display will be up all month.

There will be an after-service Congregational Conversation on December 7 about what we have learned from the Sabbatical, and an update on our ministerial search, and our next steps forward.

Announcements:

MPUUC joining FUMC to support Safe Parking. 16 Guests in December - Dec. 14 is a SPECIAL COLLECTION for gas cards for Christmas gifts. HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS needed for Breakfast or dinner. See all details in WoP and sign-up using the form in the link. THANK YOU!!!!!