

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Auld Lang Time: On Endings, Beginnings, and Oranges

Worship Leader: Brian Culp
Worship Associate: Mark Rahman

Worship Host: Melissa Holmes
Music: Various Artists

Sunday, December 28, 2025 10:00 AM

Service theme for the month: Choosing Hope

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, December 28, 2025 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"We two have paddled in the stream / from morning sun till dine, / But seas between us broad have roared / since auld lang syne."

Robert Burns

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."

Albert Einstein

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

"The best way to predict the future is to create it."

Abraham Lincoln

Prelude

Bell

Brian Culp

Call To Worship

Mark Rahman

Chalice Lighting

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Welcome

Valerie Stewart

Welcome Song

#53- I Walk the Unfrequented Road

Peggy Rahman

Words by Frederick Lucian Hosmer; Music (attributed to): Elkanah Kelsay Dare

Message 1

I Don't Know What This Song Means

Brian Culp

Practice of Generosity (Offering)

Mark Rahman

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Joys and Concerns Invitation

Brian Culp

Song of Reflection

Old Friends / Bookends

Simon and Garfunkel

Shared Joys & Concerns

Brian Culp

Reflection I Don't Know What this Orange Means Brian Culp

Anthem Same Auld Lang Syne Dan Fogelberg

Message 2 Old Lang Time: Remembering the Seas Between Brian Culp

Closing Hymn Auld Lang Syne
Words by Robert Burns; Music by The Choral Scholars of University College Dublin

Extinguishing the Chalice #456 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 Brian Culp

Next Week's Service: January 4 – "A Deadline for Lifelines"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate "TBD". Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Von Bringham and Peak Performers will provide our music.

Every new beginning starts with the remnants of something that has ended. Much of what has ended has endeared itself to us in ways too valuable or too tender to release. These are the parts we hold on to, cherish and build from. But, there are also parts that hold on to us and won't let go. Sometimes old things flood our heart or take up all the available RAM in our head, keeping us from moving forward. This is a service about recognizing what we're ready to let go of.

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

Announcements:

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.