

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Are UUs Ready for Dr. King... Yet? Action Sunday

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Worship Associate: Ariel Smith-Iyer, Jay Steele

Worship Host: Steve Wallcave
Music: Various Artists

Sunday, January 18, 2026 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Practicing Resistance

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, January 18, 2026 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

All quotes are from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”

“The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.

“I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. That is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.”

“The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.”

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Prelude

Welcome and Bell

Jay Steele

Chalice Lighting

Ariel Smith-Iyer

Call to Worship and Commissioning of Our MPUUC Team

Ariel Smith-Iyer
Rev. Greg Ward

Welcome Song

I Wish I Knew How it Would Feel to Be Free
Billy Taylor

Nina Simone

Reflection

Rev. Greg Ward

Song of Reflection

I Can't Breathe
H.E.R

H.E.R.

Discussion

As MPUUC Begins to Face Outward,
What Does Activism Look Like For Me?

Rev. Greg Ward

Closing Hymn

This is My Song
Words by Lloyd Stone; Music by Jean Sebelius

Schoal Diffusa

Extinguishing the Chalice

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Jay Steele

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. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: January 25 – “How Jesus and the Universalists Got It Right”

Rev. Jay Atkinson will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. Worship Host will be Melissa Holmes. Jo Ann Schriener, Knuti Van Hoven and Sharon Davis will provide our music.

For a long time, Unitarians and Universalists stuck with Christianity, trying to improve its bad theology by reforming it from within. Then many of them just gave up the effort and stopped calling themselves Christians. Now here we are in 2025, having voted last year to put “Love at the Center” of our UU self-understanding. To some, that sounds a lot like the central message preached and lived by Jesus. Meanwhile many progressive Christians are moving in the same direction. Have we come full circle? Where is it all going?

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

Announcements:

Tomorrow is our MLK Jr Day of service event here in Cole Hall, please come participate. Bring a friend. We're starting at 10am and go until noon, or when supplies run out.

Sunday, January 25th at 2:00PM there will be a screening of the movie “Reparations” at the Oakland Asian Cultural Center, followed by a panel with Pastor Mike McBride (who is among the leaders of the Alliance for Reparations, Reconciliation, and Truth (ARRT) coalition), the filmmaker Jon Osaki, and Don Tamaki CA Reparations Task Force who spoke to us at MPUUC. Registration information will be in WOTP under Justice Corner. The event is free. Please see Kathi or Barbara if you are interested in going together.

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.