

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



The Amazing Spider-Man and the Interdependent Web

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward
Worship Associate: Brian Culp

Worship Host: Melissa Holmes
Music: Jay Steele

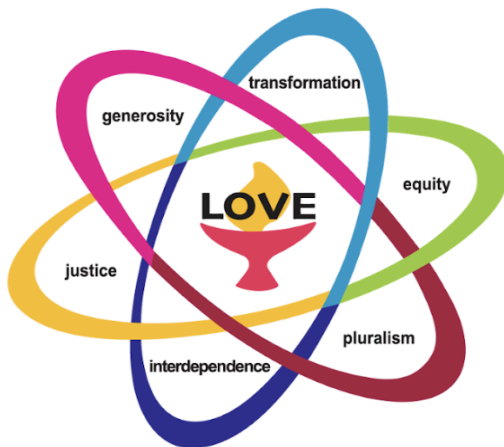
Sunday, April 12, 2026 10:00 AM

Service theme for the month: Embracing Possibility

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, April 12, 2026 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"Anyone can win a fight when the odds are easy!" Spider-Man
"I believe there's a hero in all of us, that keeps us honest, gives us strength, makes us noble and finally allows us to die with pride. Even though sometimes we have to be steady and give up the things we want most, even our dreams."
Aunt May
"No matter what comes our way, no matter what battles we have raging inside us we always have a choice. It's the choices that make us who we are and we can always choose to do what's right."
Peter Parker
"Somebody's got to look out for the little guy, right?" Spider-Man
"You can't spend every second thinking about saving the whole world. Sometimes, you have to think about saving one person at a time."
Spider-Man
"With great power comes great responsibility" Uncle Ben

Prelude

Bell Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship Brian Culp

Chalice Lighting Ariel Smith-iyer
We are Unitarian Universalist (open arms wide toward each other)
Who put love at the center of our lives (hands on heart)
May this chalice we light today (light the chalice)
lead us as we explore, share, and play!
(everyone shakes their bodies or does a silly dance)

Welcome Valerie Stewart

Welcome Song Jay Steele
Hymn #368, Now Let Us Sing
Anonymous

Time for all Ages Rev. Greg Ward

Children's RE-cessional Jay Steele
This Little Light of Mine

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Brian Culp

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Joys and Concerns Invitation		Rev. Greg Ward
Song of Reflection	Someone Saved My Life Tonight Elton John	Jay Steele
Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Greg Ward
Moment of Silence	Protesting harassment and bullying of LGBTQ community	
Reading	Mark 14:26-31; Mark 14:66-72	Rev. Greg Ward
Anthem		Jay Steele
Message	The Amazing Spider-Man and the Interdependent Web	Rev. Greg Ward
Closing Hymn	Hymn #1074, Turn the World Around Harry Belafonte	Jay Steele
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.	Brian Culp
Benediction		Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week's Service: April 19 – "Who Will Speak for this Planet?"

Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Don Ramie. Worship Host will be Melissa Holmes. Various Musical Artists will provide our music.

Almost as soon as settlers arrived on these shores, claims were being made on all the resources it possessed. The plants and trees... the animals... the water... the air... Collectively, we have approached inhabitation by taking the passage in Genesis very seriously: "and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." What if we actually took Chief Seattle's advice and treated everything as partners instead of commodities?

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

Announcements:

Right after the service, we will have our 3rd meeting of our Shared Pulpit class which provides awareness and training for people who are practicing using their voice to influence and inspire folks in worship. We will be rearranging chairs and setting up a few tables. Help is appreciated.

This coming Saturday is our online fellowship opportunity. You can join a room for games or a different room for conversation. Bring your dessert and eagerness to meet our UU neighbors from Hayward for this fun and exciting opportunity for fellowship! Info in WOP.

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.