

This Week on the Peak



Mission Peak UU - Fremont, CA The Home of Liberal Religion in the Tri-Cities and Beyond! April 22, 2026

Greetings!

Welcome to the Week on the Peak! I would like to congratulate us all (well, most of us) for living in the United Nations of Fremont. Few places on this earth revel in the level of diversity that we enjoy here. If you want to learn a non-English language, you need not travel to distant climes to practice with native speakers. Thai, Hmong, Lao, Urdu, Arabic, Punjabi, Ethiopian, Igbo, Quechua, Farsi. All and many, many more are present in Fremont. Which also means an equally great variety of cultures, points of view, and stories of how they came to be here in this time with us. Such a blessing is evident in the clothing styles that are around on an ordinary day, not just on special national occasions. Did I mention the food? Do not let the opportunity of a lifetime go unused. Please be intentional and mindful in the world around you.



Change is another word for difference. In a modern Devil's Dictionary difference would be defined as wrong. And we define difference as an opportunity out of a challenge. Change is coming to MPUUC. Gather your chances to use the time left with Rev. Greg. Then consider how we might all come together to make a wonderful success of whatever the new direction will be. There are new groups, committees, and I will be the new head of the Worship Associates. Somewhere is a place for you to have an impact on our community through the good work of YOUR congregation. What shall it be? Who shall we be? I am especially curious to find out.

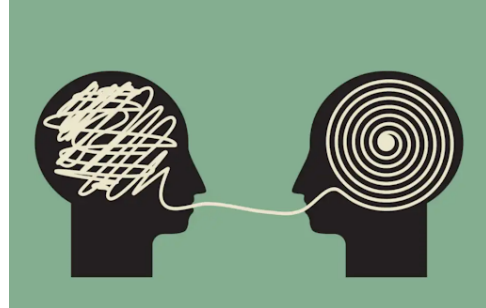
Mark Rahman

This Sunday's Service:

Service can be attended in-person at Cole Hall or online.
See mpuuc.org/zoom each week for how to attend services.

Lost in Translation

People who travel frequently - especially to other countries - know that as we encounter diversity, it is easier and easier to be misunderstood. This becomes harder and harder to forge good relationships. It is no longer enough to partition the world into silos. We must learn to become multilingual - or, at least make an effort in that direction. This is a sermon about what might happen if we were able to make whole-hearted efforts to communicate across differences.



Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Mark Rahman. Melissa Holmes will be Worship Host. Jo Ann Schriener, Knuti VanHoven and Sharon Davis will provide our music.

Whether you are attending services in Cole Hall or remotely, you can donate and/or fulfill your pledge in the 3 ways shown below:

Mail check to

Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
P.O. Box 545
Fremont, CA 94537-0545

(If you use Bill Pay with your bank, you could use them to mail the check)

Drop envelope with a check in Mission Peak UU mail slot addressed to:
Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
We will be collecting this once per week.

Pay on line at <https://mpuuc.org/contact-us/donate/> with credit or debit card.
Note we use PayPal for this and they charge us around 3%.

Share the Plate - April

Our April Share the Plate will go to the Tri-City Ecology Center.

Make your check out MPUUC and put 'TCEC' in the memo line



We will be collecting until May 17.

Write a check to MPUUC with TCEC in the memo line and mail to:
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Drop an envelope with a check (with "TCEC" on the memo line) or cash (with a note stating "Tri-City Ecology Center") in our mail slot addressed to: Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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Even a wounded world is feeding us. Even a wounded world holds us, giving us moments of wonder and joy. I choose joy over despair. Not because I have my head in the sand, but because joy is what the earth gives me daily and I must return the gift.

Robin Wall Kimmerer



CIRCLE OF LIFE

YOU ARE ALL INVITED to celebrate and console those in the MP family who need it. Each week you can find those people right here at your fingertips if you click on the [link](#). Let's increase our caring connections with each other with calls when appropriate, cards, emails, offers of help, etc. When you have Joys and Concerns for this Circle of Life, contact the

Encouragement Committee at ecteam@mpuuc.org. Or ask one of us: Greg, Barbara, Sharon, Jo Ann S, Don, Lucienne, Julie

Midweek Discussion Group

The Minister's Midweek Discussion Group meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. The Midweek Discussion Group meets online and welcomes all voices who wish to participate in discussion on interesting topics. The link to the conversation can be found if you [Press here](#).

FELLOWSHIP CORNER

JUSTICE CORNER

No Kings is over for now. What is the next step?

May Day May 1

NO WORK. NO SCHOOL. NO SHOPPING.



For more information on May Day planning:

Join Indivisible & allies this Thurs 8pm ET/5pm PT to prep for May Day actions: <https://indivisi.org/mydy423>

Youth Voter Movement, the League of Women Voters, and the Ohlone Politics Club present SUFFS



A free evening of entertainment with Suffragists, Broadway talent, women's history, and fun Ohlone College building five level two Sharma dining hall 8 PM May 8.

Appropriate for ages 10 and up. You can sign up for the performance below:
<http://bit.ly/4chg9.Lt>

UU Ministry for Earth- Recommended Community Read book

UUMFE's 2025-26 Community Read:

"What If We Get It Right?" (WIWGIR)

If you'd like to join us, [please register here to receive the Zoom link](#). You only need to register once to attend all 9 sessions. [Click here to print a poster](#) for your congregation's bulletin board.

[Sign up for the Community Read email list here in order to receive the most up-to-date communications.](#)



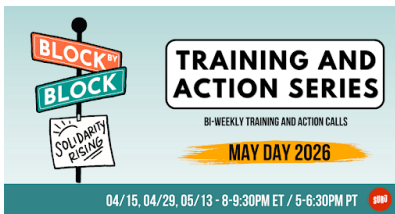
LGBTQ

Welcoming Congregation

Lesbian Day of Visibility is April 26

It is celebrated annually on April 26th to recognize, celebrate, and uplift lesbians and the sapphic community worldwide. It highlights lesbian history, challenges stereotypes, and advocates for equality,

Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Committee (ARO) Recommendations



We have explored [noncooperation tactics & strategies](#), how and why we use neighborhood canvassing as a strategy to recruit people, and jumped into breakout rooms to plan our next steps.

If you missed it or want to re-watch the call, [find the recording and slides here on the Block by Block page of our Member Resource Hub website](#). You will always be able to find our training materials for this series at: <https://act.surj.org/a/blockbyblock>.

Your Next Steps: Keep Organizing For May Day!

[Our toolkit](#) has everything you need to organize for May Day—but to get started, focus on these immediate next steps:

1 Sign the [May Day Pledge!](#)

Your commitment should be realistic but meaningful—something you can follow through on, even if it takes planning or feels a bit uncomfortable. Not everyone can miss work, but many can participate by not shopping or taking other actions.

- Will you take the day off work?
- Keep your kids home from school?
- Avoid shopping?
- Attend or organize an action?

Sign the Pledge to so we can track our impact: act.surj.org/a/maydaypledge

8th Principle Learning



Join Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis for a gathering to help Unitarian Universalists meet this moment with courage, solidarity, and strategic action.

Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis

Freedom Demands We Organize A National UU Call to Moral Action

Tuesday, May 5th

8:00 pm ET • 7:00 pm CT • 6:00 pm MT • 5:00 pm PT

Get Your Tickets here:



bit.ly/We-Organize



Photo Credit: Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis by Stephen Pavey

SAFE PARKING PROGRAM. resumes at FUMC 4/1 -4/30



The FUMC Congregation is again hosting the City of Fremont SAFE Parking Program (SPP) Guests at FUMC April 1 - April 30. There are 16 Guests participating in the overnight parking this month.

Friday Nights are Game Nights - there is serious ping pong going on and you can join in the fun! Ockerman Room 5-6 after 6:30 p.m.

MPUUCers can support the fellowship efforts and join with FUMC congregation members by providing hot breakfast or cold breakfast items for the mornings of April 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 or dinner meals, on April 25, April 26, April 27, or April 29.

Meals are served in Rooms 7-8 in the Ockerman Building.

Breakfast is from 0700- 0800 and dinner is served at 6:30. Hot foods need to be prepared off-site. There is only a toaster, a microwave, coffee pots and a refrigerator in the Ockerman room.

If you can't provide a meal, you are always welcome to contribute to the "Shopping List Fund" or the "Gas Card Fund".

If you are interested in supporting the program, please contact Valerie Stewart, MPUUC Secretary at 510-673-4287 or ValerieMPUUC@gmail.com.

Making announcements

If you've ever had an announcement you wanted to share about an upcoming MPUUC event or meeting but didn't know how, you're in luck. This [Announcement Sheet](#) will go directly to Sandra, our Administrator (to put in the OOS); or to a Board Member (to announce at a Sunday service. **Deadline for posting Sunday announcements is**

Thursday at 12pm.

ACT NOW!

Call your Elected Officials!

Calls can make a difference! Contact your representatives to alert them to your views!

Assembly Member Alex Lee 408-262-2501
Representative Ro Khanna (202) 225-2631
Senator Alex Padilla (202) 224-3553
Senator Adam Schiff (202) 224.3841



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