

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Judgment is the Enemy of Curiosity

Worship Leader: Mark Rahman
Worship Associate: Paul K. Davis

Worship Host: Erik Alm
Music: Jo Ann Schriener, Knuti VanHoven, Sharon Davis

Sunday, May 24, 2026 10:00 AM

Service theme for the month: Awakening Curiosity

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, May 24, 2026 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

“Be curious, not judgmental.” -Walt Whitman

“Assuming the best in others will certainly burn us once in a while. Assuming the worst in others will certainly burn us all of the time.” -Kathie Pugaczewski

“The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled.” Plutarch

“The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.”

— Albert Einstein

“Remember that things are not always as they appear to be... Curiosity creates possibilities and opportunities.”

— Roy T. Bennett

Prelude

Bell Mark Rahman

Call To Worship Paul K Davis

Chalice Lighting Paul K Davis

Welcome Drew Wilson

Welcome Song #370 All People That on Earth Do Dwell
Kethe, Carpenter, Genevan psalter

Time for all Ages Kids' Q&A! What Does It Mean to be CURIOUS?
Starts With Us Builder

Practice of Generosity (Offering)

Please donate generously if you are able, in one of these ways:

- Use the QR Code in the OOS (Note: 3% surcharge).
- Mail check to MPUUC P.O. Box 545 Fremont, CA 94537-0545
- Drop envelope with check in Mission Peak UU mail slot addressed to: Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
- Pay online at <https://mpuuc.org/contact-us/donate/> with credit or debit card (Note: 3% surcharge).

Paul K Davis



Joys and Concerns Invitation Mark Rahman

Song of Reflection Imagine
John Lennon Jo Ann, Knuti, Sharon

Shared Joys & Concerns Mark Rahman

Reading / Reflection ‘Ain’t I a Woman
Sojourner Truth Mark Rahman

Anthem	You've Got To Be Carefully Taught Rodgers & Hammerstein	Jo Ann, Knuti, Sharon
Message	Judgment is the Enemy of Curiosity	Mark Rahman
Closing Hymn	#305 De Colores Arkin, traditional Spanish folk	Jo Ann, Knuti, Sharon
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.	Paul K Davis
Benediction		Mark Rahman

Next Week's Service: May 31 – "From Anger to Action: Meaningfully Protecting Marginalized Communities"
Annie Koruga will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Don Ramie. Worship Host will be Erik Alm. Peggy Rahman will provide our music.

At least in some circles it's become almost cliché to assert that marginalized communities — especially though not exclusively immigrants and LGBTQ+ people — are increasingly under threat. What's discussed far less often is what we all ought to do in response and how we tangibly stand up for our marginalized neighbors. Awareness of societal injustice is a first, but certainly not a last, step — we must turn our anger and our frustration into action. On the local level especially, we often can have an outsized impact to bring about safer, more inclusive, and more just communities for everyone.

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.

Fremont Pride Festival (FPF) at Fremont's Alameda County Library, is Saturday, June 13, 9AM-2PM.
Please help us woman (man) our MPUUC table while we share with the community that all are welcome at MPUUC.

Starr King UU in Hayward is hosting an online game night on Sat May 30th in the evening. See the listing in this coming Week on the peak for more information.

Also on this coming Saturday evening, MPUUC is hosting one of our Parent Night Out events. Members and friends are welcome to bring their children here for a fun night of loving care while parents get some well-deserved time off. See the WOP for how to RSVP.