WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Flower Communion

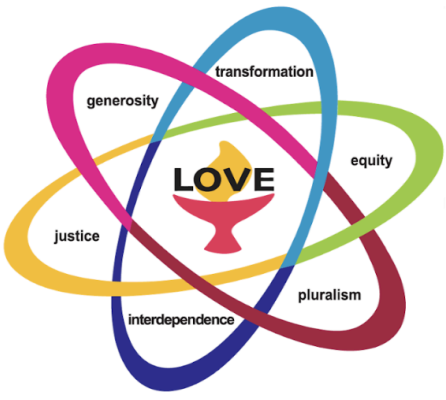
Worship Leader: Ariel Smith-iyer
Worship Host: Melissa Holmes
Worship Associate: Rev. Greg Ward
Music: Jay Steele
Multigenerational Programming: Ariel Smith-iyer, Jordan Jacobs

Sunday, June 7, 2026 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Flourishing Together

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, June 7, 2026 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

“The earth laughs in flowers." — *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
“Flowers always make people better, happier and more hopeful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul.” — *Luther Burbank*
"Are not flowers the stars of the earth?" — *Clara Balfour*
“Every flower must grow through dirt.” — *Laurie Jean Sennott*
“Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadows. It’s what the sunflowers do.” — *Helen Keller*
"Nothing in nature blooms all year — be patient with yourself." — *Anonymous*

Prelude

Bell — Ariel Smith-iyer and Jordan Jacobs

Call To Worship — Ariel Smith-iyer

Chalice Lighting — Ryan-King family

Welcome — DeAnna Alm

Greet Your Neighbor — DeAnna Alm

Welcome Song — Hymn #21, For the Beauty of the Earth, Conrad Kocher — Jay Steele

Time for all Ages — The Daffodil Principle, Jaroldeen Asplund Edwards — Ariel Smith-iyer

Celebration of MCB Team — Rev Greg Ward

Pulpitorial — Ariel Smith-iyer and Aparajita Rai with Poverty Patchup MSJHS

Practice of Generosity (Offering) — Sharon Davis

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- Mail check to MPUUC P.O. Box 545 Fremont, CA 94537-0545
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- Pay online at https://mpuuc.org/contact-us/donate/ with credit or debit card (Note: 3% surcharge).

Joys and Concerns Invitation — Rev Greg Ward

Song of Reflection	Meditation on Breathing Sarah Dan Jones	First Unitarian Society of Denver
Glads and Sads		Rev Greg Ward
Flower Communion - Part I	Flowers as a Metaphor for People	Ariel Smith-iyer and Rev Greg Ward
Anthem	Wildflowers Tom Petty	Jay Steele
Flower Communion - Part II	Always and Forever Friends	Ariel Smith-iyer and Rev Greg Ward
Closing Hymn	Hymn #1064, Blue Boat Home Peter Mayer	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.	Rev. Greg Ward
Benediction		Ariel Smith-iyer

Next Week's Service: June 14 – "Umbilical Cords and Apron Strings"
Rev. Greg Ward will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Paul K. Davis. Worship Host will be Melissa Holmes. Von Bringhurst and Peak Performers will provide our music.

In Rev. Greg's final sermon, he will share what he has loved about his time serving Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation. He will also reveal his thoughts about challenges, regrets, apologies and prayers for the future. And, finally, he will name some of the heartbreak that comes with letting go of what was and the new call for faith and trust in what will be in the days ahead.

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.

Our Annual Congregational meeting is TODAY after the SERVICE. Please stay -so that we have a quorum to consider and vote on matters necessary for the future of MPUUC.

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. ARO plans to treat participants to lunch at the food truck.

Our MPUUC Juneteenth celebration of freedom and diversity is June 21 at noon right after our church service!! Please join us for great food and great company! Please answer your Evite and consider signing up to bring a dish. This will help us plan.

Pulse Night of Remembrance is observed annually on June 12, honoring the 49 lives tragically lost and the dozens injured during the 2016 mass shooting at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida.

Mission Statement of the MCB (Multigenerational Community Building) Team

The MCB Team works to maintain a safe, inspiring and fun learning environment while affirming the worth and belonging of all participants within a multigenerational community. They instill and model covenant for how to be in healthy and sustainable relationships and introduce service as a teaching tool to help people understand their capacity for leadership and the difference they can help make.