

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Umbilical Cords and Apron Strings

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Ward

Worship Associate: Paul K. Davis

Multigenerational Programming: Jordan Jacobs

Worship Host: Melissa Holmes

Music: Von Bringhurst and Peak Performers

Sunday, June 14, 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 14, 2026 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

When they're young they pull on your apron strings, but when they're grown they'll pull on your heartstrings.

Anonymous

Those who depend on us for love and safety are supposed to grow up and cut the apron strings. We just never recognize how those sharp scissors leave so many wounds.

Lisa Wingate

She sits down and thinks of all she has lost and will lose. It seems to her that life is like gathering berries into an apron with a hole. Why do we keep on? Because the berries are beautiful, and we must eat to survive. We catch what we can. We walk past what we lose for the promise of more, just ahead.

Elizabeth Berg

The morning air was like a new dress that made her feel the apron tied around her waist. She untied it and flung it on a low bush beside the road and walked on, picking flowers and making a bouquet... From now until death she was determined to have flower dust and springtime sprinkled over everything.

Zora Neale Hurston

I had a funny feeling as I saw the house disappear, as though I had written a poem and it was very good and I had lost it and would never remember it again.

Raymond Chandler

Prelude

Bell

Rev. Greg Ward

Call To Worship

Paul K. Davis

Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice...To remind ourselves
to treat all people kindly,
because we are all one family;
To take good care of the Earth,
because it is our home;
To live lives full of goodness and love,
because that is how we will become
the best people we can be.

Paul K. Davis

Welcome

Drew Wilson

Welcome Song

Becoming
Mary Grigolia

Von Bringhurst and the
Peak Performers Choir

Time for all Ages

Becoming Me
Martin Boroson, Christopher Gilvan-Cartright

Martin Boroson

Practice of Generosity (Offering)

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Joys and Concerns Invitation		Rev. Greg Ward
Song of Reflection	Be Ye Lamps Unto Yourselves Words, Guatama Buddha; Music adapted from Johann Sebastian Bach	Von Bringhurst and the Peak Performers Choir
Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Greg Ward
Reading	Adapted from ‘Evolution’ by Langdon Smith	Rev. Greg Ward
Anthem	The Plans I Have for You Alan Pote and Tom Long	Von Bringhurst and the Peak Performers Choir
Message	Umbilical Cords and Apron Strings	Rev. Greg Ward
Closing Hymn	To the Glory of Life Words, Mary Katherine Morn; Music, Jason Shelton	Von Bringhurst and the Peak Performers Choir
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		Rev. Greg Ward

Next Week’s Service: June 21 – “What Does it Mean to be an Ally in the work of Anti-Racism?”

ARO will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Greg Ward. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Various Musical Artists will provide our music.

Most UUs are aware of the painful realities of systemic racism and how our country’s long history of racially-based forced labor and the cultural, educational and economic inequality that still exists. We recognize Juneteenth - as well as several other historical events of racial liberation. Most UUs also understand this work is complex and requires that everyone take part in learning about and acting on racial justice. So, what does it mean to be an ally?

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

Mark your calendar for June 27th, 5pm at Cole Hall to celebrate together our time with Rev. Greg Ward. Please read about the event in *Week on the Peak* and rsvp to the invitation asap.

June is LGBTQ+ Pride month, Festivals commemorate the history, visibility, and civil rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community. Thank you to all those who participated in the Pride Festival yesterday at Fremont’s Alameda County library.