

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Forged in Love

Worship Leader: Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez

Worship Associate: Don Ramie

Multigenerational Programming: Ariel Smith-Iyer and
Jordan Jacobs

Worship Host: Steve Wallcave

Music: Peggy Rahman, Jo Ann Schriener

Sunday, August 2, 2026 10:00 AM

Service theme for the month: Beginnings

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, August 2, 2026 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thoughts

What fire does not destroy, it hardens.

Oscar Wilde

I walk into the fire always. And come out more alive.

Anaïs Nin

Set your life on fire and seek those who fan the flames.

Rumi

Hardships prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny.

C.S. Lewis

The fire within you was never meant to be tamed. Those flames were meant to light the world.

Barbara Gianquitto

Prelude

Bell

Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez

Call To Worship

Don Ramie

Chalice Lighting

Don Ramie

Welcome

Valerie Stewart

Welcome Song

#1009 Meditation on Breathing
Sara Dan Jones

Peggy Rahman, Jo Ann Schrinier

Time for all Ages

Backpack Blessing

Ariel Smith-iyer

Practice of Generosity (Offering)

Don Ramie

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- Mail check to MPUUC P.O. Box 545 Fremont, CA 94537-0545
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Joys and Concerns Invitation

Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez

Song of Reflection

"Imagine"
John Lennon

Jo Ann Schrinier, Peggy Rahman

Shared Joys & Concerns

Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez

Reading / Reflection

Psalm for the Wintered Soul
Rev. Cynthia Frado

Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez

Anthem	“El Condor Pasa” Daniel Alomía Robles from a Peruvian folk song, Arr. Peggy Rahman	Peggy Rahman, Jo Ann Schriner
Message	Forged in Love	Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez
Closing Hymn	#1028 “Fire of Commitment” Mary Katherine and Jason Sheltron	Jo Ann Schriner, Peggy Rahman
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.	Don Ramie
Benediction		Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez

Next Week’s Service: August 9 – “What if..?” ”

Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Mark Rahman. Worship Host will be Melissa Holmes. Jay Steele will provide our music.

What if gratitude is not about being thankful for every experience, but about allowing what we have endured to teach us how to love more deeply? This sermon explores memory, belonging, and the choices that shape our shared becoming, drawing on Unitarian Universalist values and process theology to ask how we might help create a more compassionate world.

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.

Sunday, August 23 | 12:30–4:30 PM

First Unitarian Church of San José, 160 North Third Street, San Jose, CA 95112

Join clergy, lay leaders, youth, and community members from diverse faith traditions for an afternoon of faith leadership and advocacy training, relationship-building, and opportunities to take action together for climate justice and the common good.

Information on how to sign up is in the Justice Corner of WOTP