

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



"What if..?"

Worship Leader: Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez

Worship Associate: Mark Rahman

Multigenerational Programming: Ariel Smith-Iyer &
Jordan Jacobs

Worship Host: Melissa Holmes

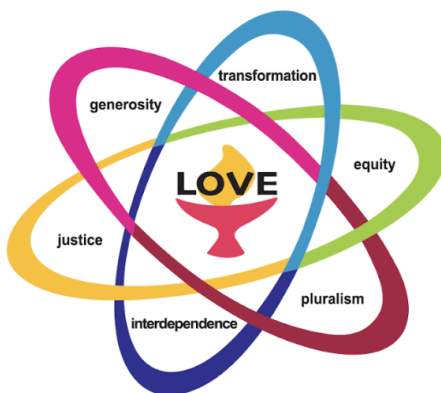
Music: Jay Steele

Sunday, August 9, 2026 10:00 AM
Service theme for the month: **Becoming**

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 9, 2026 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

Delusional pain hurts just as much as pain from actual trauma. So what if it's all in your head?

Octavia E. Butler

Fearless means trusting your instincts and clarity of thought. Once you have made up your mind, don't be scared of what if.

Ravi Shastri

Do goofy stories make people nice? What if, in their goofiness, these stories somehow inspire that in the right way. Is that a social good?

Matt Stone

Making lists of favorite things is, for me, a task ridden with anxiety. What if I've accidentally excluded something I love? What if I discover something new tomorrow that I love even more?

Sara Zarr

If you're going to figure something out, study ethics. You can ask What's the answer? What's Right and Wrong? What I learned is that nobody knows the answer and there is no Right and Wrong. So I'm incapable of becoming a fundamentalist because there are no absolutes, there's always a what if.

Duff Goldman

Prelude

Bell & Welcome

Mark Rahman

Call To Worship

Mark Rahman

Chalice Lighting & Candles of Concern

Mark Rahman

Welcome Song

Hymn #127, Can I See Another's Woe?
William Blake and Seth Calvisius

Jay Steele

Time for all Ages

"The Wonder Box"

Ariel Smith-Iyer

Special Collection: MPUUC Outreach

Mark Rahman

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Joys and Concerns Invitation

Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez

Song of Reflection

Bridge Over Troubled Water
Paul Simon

Jay Steele

Shared Joys & Concerns		Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez
Reading / Reflection	'Gratitude' Swiftwalker	Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez
Anthem	Landslide Stevie Nicks	Jay Steele
Message	"What If ...?"	Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez
Closing Hymn	Hymn #1012, When I Am Frightened Shelley Jackson Denham	Jay Steele
Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice	'Choose Carefully' Rev. Michelle Collins	Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez

Next Week's Service: August 16 – "Love is..."

Rev. Jen Youngsun Ryu will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Mark Rahman, Worship Host will be Erik Alm.

Love is first. Love is great. Love is a quest for the hero. Love thy neighbor as thyself. Okay. Sounds good. But what exactly is the love that is at the center of UU faith? Rev. Jen Youngsun Ryu looks into the various ways we can love as UU's.

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.