

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



"Love is....."

Worship Leader: Rev. Jen Youngsun Ryu

Worship Associate: Mark Rahman

Multigenerational Programming: Ariel Smith-Iyer & Jordan Jacobs

Worship Host: Erik Alm

Music: recorded: Peak Performers, Jo Ann Schriener

Sunday, August 16, 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 16, 2026 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

“One day you will ask me which is more important? My life or yours? I will say mine and you will walk away not knowing that you are my life.” Khalil Gibran

“Love is not a product of reasonings and statistics. It just comes—none knows whence—and cannot explain itself.” Mark Twain

“There is a candle in your heart, ready to be kindled. There is a void in your soul, ready to be filled. You feel it, don’t you?” Rumi

“Love is a rose but you better not pick it, It only grows when it’s on the vine” Neil Young

Prelude

Welcome

Drew Wilson

Call To Worship

Mark Rahman

Chalice Lighting & Candle Lighting

Mark Rahman

Welcome Song

Come Sing a Song With Me
Carolyn McDade

Peak performers

Time for all Ages

Pip
Titus Herman

Dogs, Inc.

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).

Mark Rahman



Joys and Concerns Invitation

Mark Rahman

Song of Reflection

Prelude # 28
Frederic’ Chopin

Jo Ann Schriener

Shared Joys & Concerns

Mark Rahman

Reading / Reflection

Two Poems
Jim Croce and Maya Angelou

Mark Rahman

Anthem

Love Has Already Won
Jason Shelton

Peak Performers

Message

“Love Is...”

Rev. Jen Youngsun Ryu

Closing Hymn

Hymn # 18 “What Wondrous Love”
Words: Connie Campbell Hart Melody: Southern Harmony 1835

Von Bringham
& Peak Performers

Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice #456

Mark Rahman

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.

Next Week’s Service: August 23 – “Voluntary Association”

Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Sharon Davis. Worship Host will be Melissa Holmes. Jo Ann Schriener, Knuti VanHoven, Sharon Davis will provide our music.

What does it mean to choose a faith community without sharing the same beliefs? Inspired by James Luther Adams, this sermon explores covenant, commitment, and how theists, atheists, agnostics, humanists, and seekers can unite in the shared work of Love and Beloved Community.

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.

On Saturday of next weekend we’re hosting an all-congregation potluck dinner and game night from 6-8pm. We don’t require an rsvp but if you know you’re coming it’s great to know how people to plan for. Info in WOP

We’re also hosting our next Sandwich Squad, a community service event that involves making sandwiches which we’ll then take to the nearby encampment to share with our neighbors there. Anyone is welcome to join.

The South Bay Interfaith Climate Justice summit is after church service
Sunday, August 23 at 1:30PM.
First Unitarian Church of San Jose. 160 N Third St
San Jose, CA, United States.
Car pooling is available. Contact Kathi
Please consider this is the type of activity that engages others to join us.