

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Voluntary Association

Worship Leader: Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez
Worship Associate: Sharon Davis
Multigenerational Programming: Rev. Johnnie

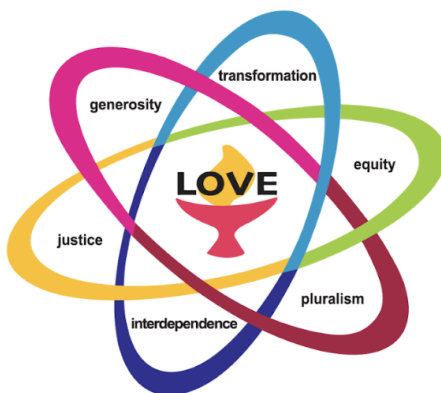
Worship Host: Melissa Holmes
Music Trio: Jo Ann Schriener, Knuti VanHoven,
Sharon Davis

Sunday, August 23, 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 23, 2026 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"Church is a place where you get to practice what it means to be human."

- James Luther Adams

Prelude

Welcome

Lucienne Bouvier & Jay Steele

Bell

Sharon Davis

Call To Worship

Sharon

Chalice Lighting

Sharon

Welcome Song

#155 Circle Round for Freedom
Linda Hirschhorn

Trio

Time for all Ages

Children's Homily - Voluntary Association

Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez

Practice of Generosity (Offering)

Sharon

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- 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).



Joys and Concerns Invitation

Rev. Johnnie

Song of Reflection

Open the Window
Elise Witt

Trio

Shared Joys & Concerns

Rev. Johnnie

Reading / Reflection

Community Means Strength & I Want to Be With People
Starhawk/Rev. Dana E. Worsnop

Rev. Johnnie

Anthem

Everyday People
Sly Stone

Trio

Message

Voluntary Association

Rev. Johnnie

Closing Hymn

#1008 When Our Heart Is In A Holy Place
Joyce Poley

Trio

Extinguishing the Chalice

#456

Sharon

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.

Benediction

Teachers Everywhere
Rev. Amy Zucker-Morgenstern

Rev. Johnnie

Next Week's Service: August 30 – "Chaplaincy 101: How I Learned to Fail "

Rev. Johnnie Bloom Ramirez will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Paul Davis. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave.

What does it mean to care for others when there are no easy answers? This sermon explores how humility, deep listening, and loving presence can transform failure into grace, growth, and compassion.

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.

This afternoon we're hosting 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.

Today after service, 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.