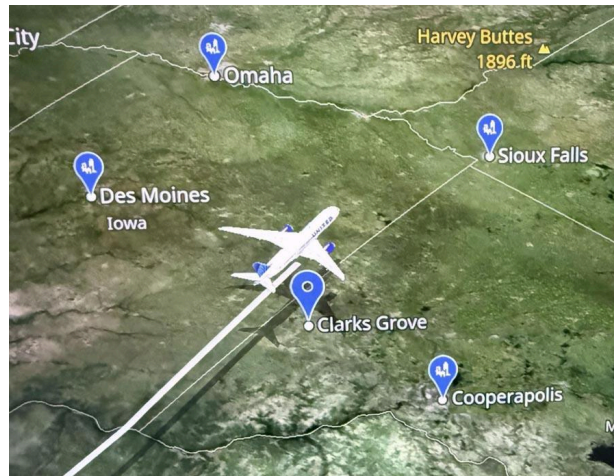


WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Across the Time Zones

Worship Leader: Don Ramie

Worship Associate: Drew Wilson

Multigenerational Programming: Ariel Smith-Iyer and
Jordan Jacobs

Worship Host: Erik Alm

Music: Jay Steele

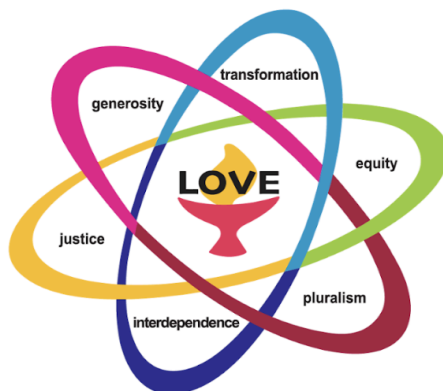
Sunday, September 13, 2026 10:00 AM

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, September 13, 2026 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thoughts

“As long as you’re alive, you always have the chance to start again.”

Emily Acker, American novelist and playwright

“What a seductive belief—that one can start fresh simply by jettisoning one’s history, that one can leave all that is painful or unsavory behind.”

Susan Rebecca White, Native American essayist and novelist

“No matter how hard the past is, you can always begin again.”

Buddha, circa 500 B.C.

Prelude

Bell Drew Wilson

Welcome Drew Wilson

Chalice Lighting Drew Wilson

Call To Worship Drew Wilson

Welcome Song Hymn No. 8 Jay Steele
Mother Spirit, Father Spirit

Time for all Ages We can always begin again Ariel Smith-iyer

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).

Drew Wilson



Joys and Concerns Invitation Don Ramie

Song of Reflection Hymn No. 7 Jay Steele
The Leaf Unfurling

Shared Joys & Concerns Don Ramie

Reading / Reflection	Meister Eckhart Sermon passage, ca. 1300	Don Ramie
Anthem	Hymn No. 12 <i>Oh Life that Makes All Things New</i>	Jay Steele
Message	Across the Time Zones	Don Ramie
Closing Hymn	Hymn No. 38 <i>Morning Has Broken</i>	Jay Steele
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.	Drew Wilson

Benediction Don Ramie

Next Week's Service: September 20 – "Mabon: The Autumn Equinox"

Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Brian Culp. Worship Host will be Erik Alm.

Mabon is a modern Pagan celebration of the autumn equinox, a time when day and night rest in near-perfect balance. It invites us to give thanks for the season's harvest, reflect on what has grown in our lives, and prepare with intention for the quieter months ahead.

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 coming Sunday is "Tarp in The Park", a quarterly byo picnic lunch at the UU Church in Livermore. LGBTQ+ folks and allies are encouraged to attend. MPUUC may host this event next quarter. More info in WOP or reach out to Ariel.

Our September all-member Potluck is scheduled for next Sunday, September 20th. Directly after Sunday Service. Bring your favorite dish to share for the potluck lunch. Zoomers, share your favorite dish with fellow Zoomers.

If you wish to have coffee following the Sunday Service today or next week, please volunteer and follow the directions on the card in cabinet #2. (Valerie is out of town 9/11-9/21)

If you are here in Cole Hall- and like home grown tomatoes- please take some from the bed at the back of the garden- before the birds take them all.