WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Mabon: The Autumn Equinox

Worship Leader: Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez
Worship Associate: Brian Culp
Multigenerational Programming: Ariel Smith-iyer & Jordan Jacobs

Worship Host: Erik Alm
Music: Various

Sunday, September 20, 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 20, 2026 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

The garden of love is green without limit and yields many fruits other than sorrow or joy. Love is beyond either condition: without spring, without autumn, it is always fresh. *Rumi*

Unless a tree has borne blossoms in spring, you will vainly look for fruit on it in autumn. *Walter Scott*

Autumn arrives in early morning, but spring at the close of a winter day. *Elizabeth Bowen*

A wind has blown the rain away and blown the sky away and all the leaves away, and the trees stand. I think, I too, have known autumn too long. *e. e. cummings*

The spring, summer, is quite a hectic time for people in their lives, but then it comes to autumn, and to winter, and you can't but help think back to the year that was, and then hopefully looking forward to the year that is approaching.

Enya

Prelude	The Mystics Dream & La Serenissima Loreena McKennitt	Recording
Bell		Brian Culp
Welcome		Mark Rahman
Call To Worship		Brian Culp
Chalice Lighting		Brian Culp
Welcome Song	#298 Wake Now My Senses Words: Thomas J.S. Mikelson; Traditional Irish melody	Peak Rocks - Recording
Time for all Ages	Demeter and Persephone Adapted by April Rosario	Ariel Smith-iyer

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Brian Culp

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Invitation to the Elements		Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez
Transitions Meditation		Rev. Johnnie
Song of Reflection	The Memory of Trees Enya	Recording

Closing of Transitions Meditation		Rev. Johnnie
Reading / Reflection	An Autumnal Prayer Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez	Rev. johnnie
Anthem	Mabon (Autumn Equinox) Lisa Thiel	Recording
Message	Mabon	Rev. Johnnie
Closing Hymn	Hymn # 1051 Dr. Ysaye Barnwell	Recording
Benediction	Every Ending Nourishes a Beginning April Rosario	Rev. Johnnie
Extinguishing the Chalice		Rev. Johnnie, Brian Culp

Next Week's Service: September 27 – "Water Communion"

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

A Unitarian Universalist annual ritual where congregants bring a small amount of water from a meaningful place and pour it into a shared, central bowl. It symbolizes the coming together of diverse individuals into one unified, interconnected 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.

Celebrate Bisexuality Day Sept 23