

WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Water Communion

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

Worship Host: Steve Wallcave
Music Trio: Jo Ann Schriener, Knuti VanHoven, Sharon Davis

Sunday, September 27, 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 27, 2026 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

A woman is like a tea bag -you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water.

Water is the driving force of all nature.

All water has a perfect memory and is forever trying to get back to where it was.

No water, no life. No blue, no green.

Nothing is softer or more flexible than water, yet nothing can resist it.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Leonardo da Vinci

Toni Morrison

Sylvia Earle

Lao Tzu

Prelude

Welcome

Jay Steele

Call To Worship

Sharon Davis

Chalice Lighting

Sharon Davis

Welcome Song

1067 Mother Earth, Beloved Garden
Amanda Udis-Kessler

Trio

Practice of Generosity (Offering)

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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
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Sharon Davis



Meditation

Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez

Anthem

A Whole New World
Alan Menken, Tim Rice

Trio

Introduction to the Water Communion

Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez

The Water Communion

Congregation

Closing the Service

Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez

Closing Hymn

1064 Blue Boat Home
Peter Mayer, Roland Hugh Prichard, arr. Jason Shelton

Trio

Extinguishing the Chalice

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Sharon Davis

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

Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez

Next Week's Service: October 4 – "Just Stop, and Listen to this Music"

Late in Life, a Son Recalls His Father

Rev. Chris Schriner will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Mark Rahman. Worship Host will be Melissa Holmes. Peak Performers, led by Von Bringham will provide our music.

Almost 20 years ago our Minister Emeritus, Dr. Chris Schriner, shared memories of an "ordinarily extraordinary" human being, Dale Dudley Schriner. In the 110th anniversary of his father's birth year, Chris will look back on his relationship with Dale, from estrangement to reconciliation to saying farewell, updating his reflections with the perspective of old age. In addition to ministry, Chris is a retired psychotherapist, the author of six books, and an independent scholar in consciousness studies.

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.