WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Dia de los Muertos

Worship Leader: Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez | **Worship Host: Erik Alm**
Worship Associate: Sharon Davis | **Music: Peak Performers with Von Bringhurst**

Sunday, November 1, 202610:00 AM
Service theme for the month: Healing

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, November 1, 2026 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

It is not simply the Day of the Dead. More quietly, it is the day of my dead. The day of your dead. — *Maria De Souza*

No matter how much time passes, those we have loved never slip away from us entirely. — *Amor Towles*

Los que se han ido nunca se van d el todo; viven en nuestro recuerdo (Those who have gone have not left completely; they live in our memory. — *Traditional Mexican Saying*

At the time of his death, my father remained a myth to me, both more and less than a man. — *Barack Obama*

Pain, pleasure and death are no more than a process for existence. The revolutionary struggle in this process is a doorway open to intelligence. — *Frida Kahlo*

Prelude — Von Bringhurst

Bell & Welcome — Valerie Stewart

Bell & Call To Worship — Sharon Davis

Chalice Lighting — Sharon

Welcome Song — #192 Nay Do Not Grieve, Sarojini Naidu; Libby Larsen — Von, Peak Performers

Practice of Generosity (Offering) — Sharon

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Testimonial / Pulpitorial — Dia de los Muertos Reflection — Yvonne Hughes, Kathi Bayne

Invitation of Remembrance — Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez

Song of Reflection — #1059 May Your Life Be As a Song, Jim Scott — Von, Peak Performers

Final Remembrance — Rev. Johnnie

Reading / Reflection — Immortality, Rev. Leslie Takahashi — Rev. Johnnie

Anthem	Recuérdame, from the film "Coco" By: Carlos Rivera	Von, Peak Performers, & R. Davis
Message	Reflection on Dia de los Muertos Featuring *A Thousand Voices* by Rev. Tania Y. Marquez	Rev. Johnnie
Closing Hymn	#412 Let Hope and Sorrow Now Unite Brian Wren; Nikolaus Decius	Von, Peak Performers
Extinguishing the Chalice		Sharon, Rev. Johnnie
Benediction	Prayer from "A Thousand Voices" by Rev. Tania Y. Marquez with additional words by Rev. Johnnie	Rev. Johnnie

Next Week's Service: November 8 – "Beware of 'Scientific' Racism**"**
Paul K. Davis will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Rev. Barbara Meyers. Worship Host will be Steve Wallcave. Jay Steele will provide our music.

Stephen Jay Gould, in his 1981 book "The Mismeasure of Man", describes and debunks the long history of science serving racism. But I know from personal interaction that many of the erroneous supposedly scientific concepts still feed racist attitudes. This service will survey apparently scientific supports for racism and help equip us to identify and discredit them when we encounter them.

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.

Please stay for Mexican food after the Dia de Los Muertos service today.

Don Ramie's brother, Jerry, has offered to retake a new photo of the congregation for the website! Please make plans to be here November 22, after the Thanksgiving service to take this picture!

This coming Saturday is our annual Diwali (pronounced Deevali) dinner and ritual. MPUUC will provide a few main dishes and lead a short pooja- that's the ritual part. Please rsvp if you can come, it's in WOP. We'll be in Ockerman rooms ⅞ starting at 5:30.