WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Beware of "Scientific" Racism

Worship Leader: Paul K. Davis
Worship Associate: Rev. Barbara Meyers
Multigenerational Programming: Ariel Smith-Iyer

Worship Host: Steve Wallcave
Music: Jo Ann Schriner & Knuti VanHoven

Sunday, November 8, 2026 10:00 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 8, 2026 10-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"Francis Galton, an English statistician, demographer, and ethnologist, coined the term 'eugenics' in 1883 as 'the study of agencies under social control that may improve or impair the racial qualities of future generations either physically or mentally.' " - *National Institutes of Health*

"Certain American Progressives and British Fabian Socialists are very lucky that Adolf Hitler was a plagiarist, and that he did not cite their work on eugenics when writing Mein Kampf. Otherwise, history would remember them differently." - A.E. Samaan

Prelude

Bell — Rev. Barbara Meyers

Welcome — Mark Rahman

Call To Worship — Rev. Barbara Meyers

Chalice Lighting — Rev. Barbara Meyers

Welcome Song — # 293 *O Star of Truth*, Minot Judson Savage & David Evans — Jo Ann Schriner on piano

Practice of Generosity (Offering) — Rev. Barbara Meyers

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Joys and Concerns Invitation — Rev. Barbara Meyers

Song of Reflection — Pleasant Piano Patter — Jo Ann Schriner

Shared Joys & Concerns / Moment of Silence — Rev. Barbara Meyers

Readings — Paul K Davis

From *Origin of Species* by Charles Darwin
From *Starry Messenger* by Neil deGrasse Tyson
From an interview with Paul Sinclair
From *Mismeasure of Man* by Stephen Jay Gould
From *Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace

Anthem	*You've Got to Be Carefully Taught* Richard Rodgers & Oscar Hammerstein II	Knuti VanHoven & Jo Ann Schriner
Message	Beware of Scientific Racism	Paul K Davis
Closing Hymn	# 298 *Wake, Now, My Senses* Thomas J S Mikelson & Carlton R Young	Jo Ann Schriner on piano
Benediction		Paul K Davis
Extinguishing the Chalice		Rev. Barbara Meyers

Next Week's Service: November 15 – "Theology of War: A Veterans Day Reflection on Healing **"**
Rev. Johnnie Bloom Ramirez will lead the service and assisting will be Worship Associate Brian Culp. Worship Host will be Melissa Holmes. Jay Steele will provide our music.

This Veterans Day, we will reflect on the true cost of war while honoring those who have served and the wounds—visible and invisible—that many veterans carry home. Together, we will consider how gratitude can become healing, how remembrance can lead us toward peace, and how our covenant of Love calls us to accompany veterans and their families with compassion, honesty, and hope.

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.