WELCOME TO MISSION PEAK UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



Theology of War: A Veterans Day Reflection on Healing

Worship Leader: Rev. Johnnie Bloom-Ramirez
Worship Associate: Brian Culp
Multigenerational Programming: Ariel Smith-Iyer

Worship Host: Melissa Holmes
Music: Jay Steele
Board Representative: Drew Wilson

Sunday, November 15, 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 15, 202610-11:15 a.m.

Centering Thought

"Peace should be the ultimate goal of war. War should only be waged out of necessity to achieve peace, not out of desire." *St. Augustine*

"It is not possible to disavow war absolutely without disavowing the task of establishing justice." *Reinhold Niebuhr*

"There is no instance of a nation benefitting from prolonged warfare." *Sun Tzu*

"To the best of my knowledge, no war was ever started by women. But it is women and children who have always suffered most in situations of conflict." *Aung San Suu Kyi*

"We have to face the fact that either all of us are going to die together or we are going to learn to live together and if we are to live together we have to talk." *Eleanor Roosevelt*

Prelude *Zombie* Recording
D. O'Riordan/covered by First to Eleven

Bell of Acknowledgement/Welcome Drew Wilson

Bell of Beginning/Call To Worship Brian Culp

Chalice Lighting Brian Culp

Welcome Song STLT #159, *This Is My Song* Jay Steele
Lloyd Stone and Jean Sibelius

Time for all Ages Ariel Smith-Iyer

Practice of Generosity (Offering) Brian Culp

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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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- Pay online at https://mpuuc.org/contact-us/donate/ with credit or debit card (Note: 3% surcharge).

Joys and Concerns Invitation Rev. Johnnie

Song of Reflection *In My Life* Jay Steele
John Lennon and Paul McCartney

Shared Joys & Concerns Rev. Johnnie

Reading / Reflection *Prayer For Those Returned, Those Lost, and Those Forgotten* Rev. Johnnie

Anthem	*With God On Our Side* Bob Dylan	Recording
Message	*Theology of War: A Veterans' Day Reflection Day On Healing*	Rev. Johnnie
Closing Hymn	STLT #124 *Be That Guide* Carl G. Seaburg and Thomas Benjamin	Jay Steele
Extinguishing the Chalice	#456	Brian Culp
Benediction	*Each of Us Ministers to a Weary World* Rev. Darcy Roake	Rev. Johnnie

Next Week's Service: November 22 – "The Wounds of Thanksgiving **"**

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

The Thanksgiving sermon explores healing through the stories we inherit, the truths we uncover, and the relationships we choose to repair. Beginning with a humorous childhood memory of a remarkably resilient goose, we will reflect on the wounds of our colonial history and consider how honesty, remembrance, and love can guide us toward a more compassionate future.

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.

Transgender Week of Remembrance (TDOR) Nov. 13-20 honors the memory of trans people whose lives were taken by anti-trans violence.

Mark your calendar! December 5- Saturday for our Potluck with FUMC -5:30-6:30 and then the SILENT FILMs with Shauna Pickett-Gordon at the piano with original music for the films! Your donation for this fundraiser supports the Safe Parking Program expenses in December at FUMC.