

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church Unitarian Universalist

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Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 1 pm

OUR COVENANT: *In order to create the beloved community we all desire for ourselves, we, the Congregation of TJMC Unitarian Universalist covenant to:*

- *Communicate with compassion and respect, especially when we disagree*
- *Celebrate diversity and nurture our inclusivity,*
- *Embrace one another spiritually and emotionally,*
- *Promote social justice within our congregation and the larger community,*
- *Generously support the ministries of the church with time, money and enthusiasm, and*
- *When we have fallen short, lovingly call each other back into covenant.*

GETTING STARTED AT TJMC-UU

- 1. Make Contact.** Visit the Greeters in the foyer before our services, and visit our Connections Table in the Social Hall after the services. Let us help you meet someone else.
- 2. Try us out.** Come to several Sunday services and stay for refreshments in the Social Hall; attend a smaller-group event; have a conversation with our minister. Get to know someone!
- 3. Come to an Orientation.** Next Newcomers Orientation is April 24. Sign-up at the Connections Table or contact Jean Newland at jeannewland45@gmail.com.
- 4. Join us, become a member!** If you have been visiting for a while and feel you have found a church home, stop by the Connections Table in the Social Hall after the service or contact one of our Ministers.

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Unitarian Universalist**



Music, Mothering, and Community

May 8, 2016
9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

Our question this month: *What does it mean to be a people of blessing?*

GATHERING IN FAITH ...

SOUNDING THE CHIME

WORDS OF WELCOME *Rev. Alexandra McGee*

LIGHTING THE CHALICE *Lena and Celia DeVeaux*

We light this chalice to celebrate Unitarian Universalism.
We are the church of the open mind.
We are the church of the helping hands.
We are the church of the loving heart.

BEGINNING THE JOURNEY

OPENING MUSIC

9:15 Hymn #38 *Morning Has Broken*
11:15 Childrens Choir

FOR ALL AGES *A Basket of Blessings Honoring Mothers Day*

SINGING THE CHILDREN FORTH

As we leave this friendly place
Love give light to every face
May the kindness that we learn
Light our hearts til we return.

FINDING THE CENTER ...

MEDITATION AND PRAYER

We use this time to acknowledge the holy moving in our lives and to listen for wisdom.

JOYS AND SORROWS

LIGHTING CANDLES & SANDTRAYS & SILENT REFLECTION

SPOKEN PRAYER

SILENT MEDITATION

MUSIC: Choir: “Draw the Circle Wide”

Words by Gordon Light, Music by Mark A. Miller

REFLECTION by Scott DeVeaux - “Musicking”

HYMN #347 “Gather the Spirit”

LIFTING OUR GAZE UPWARD AND OUTWARD ...

OFFERTORY & DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

We accept these gifts with gratitude.
May we use them wisely and for the highest good.

MUSIC: Choir: “When the Summer Sun in Shining”

Words by Sydney Harris White,
Music from *Southern Harmony* arranged by Clif Hardin

GOING FORTH IN FAITH ...

SINGING BENEDICTION

Go now in peace
May the love of Light surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

EXTINGUISHING CHALICE

POSTLUDE

9:15 AM Ushers: George Maris and Susan Erno

11:15 AM Ushers: Elizabeth Breeden

OUR MISSION: Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church – Unitarian Universalist is a church of the liberal tradition rooted in the heritage of Unitarian Universalism and dedicated to the belief that in every individual there are extraordinary possibilities. *WE ARE* committed to the individual and collective pursuit of spiritual growth, social justice, and life-long religious education and understanding. *WE FOSTER* an open and free community in which we share our gifts, care for one another, and honor our differences. *WE SEEK* to have a lasting influence on local, national and global programs that promote equity and end oppression.