

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 24th 1-2:30pm. 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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This is Just to Say
By William Carlos Williams

*I have eaten
The plums
That were in
the icebox*

*And which
You were probably
Saving
For breakfast*

*Forgive me
They were so delicious
So sweet
So cold*

“Come to Your Senses”

February 14, 2016
9:15 & 11:15 AM

A POEM by William Carlos Williams *This is Just to Say*

OPENING HYMN: #341, "O World, Thou Chooseth Not the Better Part"

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

GATHERING IN FAITH ...

SOUNDING THE CHIME

WORDS OF WELCOME

Whoever you are, Whomever you love,
However you express your identity;
Whatever your situation in life,
Whatever your experience of the holy,
Your presence here is a gift.
Whether you are filled with sadness,
Overflowing with joy,
Needing to be alone with yourself,
Or eager to engage with others,
You have a place here.
All are welcome here.

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

We light this Chalice, a living symbol of the one Life that animates and sustains all things and all persons, the one Life in which we all live and move and have our being, and the one Life which perpetually gives of itself to itself so as to become the many. By means of the light of truth and reason, and the warmth of fellowship and compassion, may the many come to know themselves to be not only interconnected with each other but also indivisible emanations of that one great Light which enlightens all Life and which can never be extinguished.—*The Rev. Dr. Ian Ellis-Jones Australian and New Zealand Unitarian Universalist Association*

PRELUDE "You Have a Heart" by Nick Page

BEGINNING THE JOURNEY

FINDING THE CENTER ...

PRAYER – SPOKEN, SILENT AND EMBODIED *As you feel moved, remain seated in meditation, or light a candle, or write in the sands and wipe them clean.*

MEDITATION HYMN: #55, "In the Dark of Winter"

REFLECTION "Come to Your Senses" by the Rev. Alexandra McGee

LIFTING OUR GAZE UPWARD AND OUTWARD ...

OFFERTORY AND EXTENDING OUR COMMUNITY

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

We accept these gifts with gratitude.

May we use them wisely and for the highest good.

SHARING OUR JOYS & SORROWS

GOING FORTH IN FAITH ...

HYMN OF GOING FORTH #298, "Wake Now My Senses"

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE *and* PARTING WORDS

POSTLUDE Pine Apple Rag by Joplin

9:15 AM Ushers: Dan Grogan

11:15 AM Ushers: Max Walpole

Altar Decorations provided by Patty Wallens in celebration of Dream Quest.

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.