

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 July 17th. 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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'Tis a Gift to be Simple

June 5, 2016

10:00 am

As you enter this morning, if you have a joy or a sorrow
you would like to share, there are cards just inside the doors
for you to write your name and the nature of your sharing.
RevWik will lift them up during the time of prayer.

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY
SOUNDING THE CHIME

GREETING & WORDS of WELCOME (*Social Justice Spotlight: Soup Kitchen*)

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.
We all have a place here.
All are welcome here.

PRELUDE

KINDLING THE CHALICE

In the end,
What affects your life
most deeply
Are things too simple
To talk about.
And so we light this chalice
Silent symbol of our faith.
~ Nell Blaine, adapted

OPENING WORDS



OPENING HYMN #16 “’Tis a Gift to be Simple”
(words: Joseph Brackett; music: traditional Shaker tune)

’Tis a gift to be simple, ’tis a gift to be free,
’tis a gift to come down where we ought to be
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
’twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight, ’till by turning, turning we come ’round right

CENTERING
PRAYER – SPOKEN, SILENT AND EMBODIED

MEDITATION HYMN #352 “Find a Stillness”
(words: Carl Seaburg; music: traditional Transylvanian hymn tune)

Find a stillness, hold a stillness, let the stillness carry me.
Find the silence, hold the silence, let the silence carry me.
In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power,
I will find true harmony.

Seek the essence, hold the essence, let the essence carry me.
Let me flower, help me flower, watch me flower, carry me.
In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power,
I will find true harmony

GOING DEEPER
REFLECTIONS

RevWik

RETURNING TO SERVICE IN LIFE
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.

CLOSING HYMN #16 “’Tis a Gift to be Simple”

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE

Ushers: Gayle Floyd
Altar flowers are in memory of Eleanor May, provided by her family.