

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 January 29. Sign-up at the Connections Table or contact Jean Newland at jeanneuland45@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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The Welcome Table annual multi-bread communion

November 20, 2016
9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

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

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've sat at many Welcome Tables. Lest we forget,
We have one too-- more abundant than we know.
Through the lighting of this chalice,
We widen the Spirit of Welcome
And invite those who tend the fires, bake the bread and nurture others,
To come and sit at this Table,
So that we may all grow,
In generosity, equity, and love.

PRELUDE

COMING TOGETHER

OPENING WORDS

OPENING HYMN: #47, "Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table"

AT THE TABLE ...

BLESSING THE BOUNTY

We give thanks for the needs of our community
That remind us of our common humanity.
We give thanks for the needs of humanity
That help us grow into the compassion of the Buddha,
The love of Jesus, and the charity of Mohammed.
We give thanks for the needs of our hearts

That foster our commitment to share our lives and goods.
We give thanks for the gifts given today –
Our concern, our companionship, our material goods –
That will serve a good greater than any we can accomplish on our own.
May this offering be a blessing to friends and strangers – neighbors, all.
In peace we pray: Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Make Them Hear You" The TJMC Choir soloists on "Make Them Hear You": Scott DeVeaux, Kelsey Cowger
guest pianist: John Mayhood

A STORY FOR ALL: a Guest At The Table

HYMN: #1010, "We Give Thanks"

ANOTHER STORY

MULTI-BREAD COMMUNION

SINGING TOGETHER: #1053, "How Could Anyone"

LOOKING OUTWARD ...

OFFERTORY AND EXTENDING OUR COMMUNITY

If you want to text, tweet, or IM someone to share the experience you're having, we recommend: #uusunday and #tjmcuu

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

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

CLOSING WORDS

CLOSING HYMN: #67, "We Sing Now Together"

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE *and* PARTING WORDS

POSTLUDE



9:15 AM Ushers: Maggie Ober and Susan Erno

1:15 AM Ushers: Dan Grogan, Dick Somer and George Maris