

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 February 7. 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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Lead Minister

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**THOMAS JEFFERSON MEMORIAL
CHURCH
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**WE ARE A PEOPLE OF
DESIRE**

FEBRUARY 7, 2016
9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

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 gather this hour as people of faith
With joys and sorrows, gifts and needs.
We light this beacon of hope,
Sign of our quest for truth and meaning,
In celebration of the life we share together.
(Rev. Christine Robinson)

PRELUDE

BEGINNING THE JOURNEY

A STORY FOR ALL AGES

*"As we leave this friendly place, love give lift to ev'ry face;
May the kindness that we learn light our hearts till we return."*

OPENING HYMN: #358, "Rank by Rank Again We Stand"

FINDING THE CENTER ...

PRAYER – SPOKEN, SILENT AND EMBODIED

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

MEDITATION HYMN: #391, "Voice Still and Small"

REFLECTION: RevWik

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 #1008, "When Our Heart is in a Holy Place"

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE *and* PARTING WORDS

POSTLUDE

9:15 AM Ushers: Susan Erno

11:15 AM Ushers: Gloria Morgan and Max Walpole

**Flowers are in memory of Jim Rotherham, husband, father, grandfather, and friend on
behalf of the Rotherham and Thierwechter families.**

Thanks to Jeanine Braithwaite, Scott DeVeaux, Wik Wikstrom,
and each and every person here for facilitating this morning's worship.

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.