

## WE WELCOME YOU

All are welcome to this celebration. Adults and children; persons of any color, age, ability, economic status or sexual orientation; skeptics and spiritual seekers who are in sympathy with our purposes... all are welcome here. A hearing assist system is available to help you. Please take a receiver from the box near the foyer entrance. Please note: you must remove hearing aids to avoid feedback.

## OUR 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; we all have a place here  
We all are welcome here

## GETTING STARTED AT TJMC-UU

Are you an interested visitor wanting to get more connected? Our Membership Committee invites you to take these easy steps:

- 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.** The next Newcomers Orientation will be on April 24<sup>th</sup> 2015. Sign-up at the Connections Table. Attend a Newcomers Orientation to explore your spirituality and learn about Unitarian Universalism and TJMC-UU. For more information contact Jean Newland at [jeannewland45@gmail.com](mailto: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.

# Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church (Unitarian Universalist)



**A Rite of Spring 2016**  
*an Eastertide Celebration in Two Acts*

"[God] has written the promise of the resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."

~ Martin Luther



Words of Welcome

Ringling of the Bell

Chalice Lighting

Response: *We light our chalice in peace and friendship.*

Introit:

~ Act 1: winter and the tomb ~

Reader 1: the Story of Winter

\* Hymn: *Now the Day Is Over*

Reader 2: the Story of Jesus

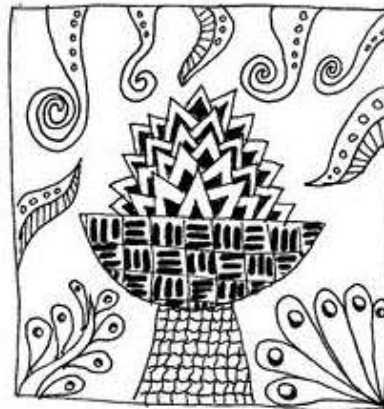
\* Hymn: *Now in the Tomb is Laid*

Reader 3: the Story of our Lives

\* Hymn: *In the Bleak Midwinter (adapted)*

~ Interlude ~

Offertory: *Lacrimosa* from the Mozart Requiem  
Bob Gross, violin; James Smith, organ; the TJMC Choir



~ Act 2: springtime resurrection ~

Reader 1: the Story of Spring

\* Hymn: *Lo the Earth Awakes Again*

Reader 2: the Story of Jesus

\* Hymn: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

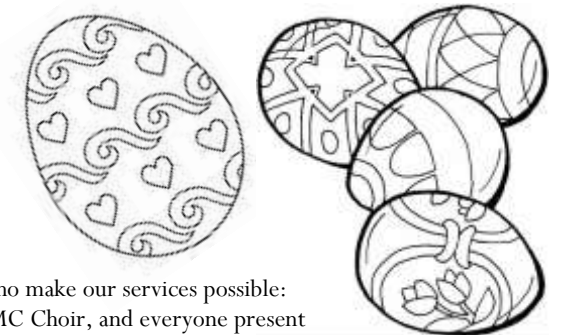
Reader 3: the Story of our Lives

~ Act 3: going forth with alleluia! ~

Postlude



\* Stand or sit as you are able, but please put your whole body and soul into the singing!



Thanks to the following people who make our services possible:  
Today's Worship Weavers, the TJMC Choir, and everyone present

9:15 AM Ushers: George Maris 11:15 AM Ushers: Max Walpole and Gayle Floyd  
Altar: Lilies in honor and memory of our loved ones.

Please be sure to **put cell phones** and any other electrical device into silent mode but leave them on.  
If you are moved during the service to take note of something that was said, or something that you felt,  
or if you want to reach out and share it with someone else, please feel free to do so.

We encourage you to refrain from applauding during the service, unless you cannot constrain yourself!  
Please note: We have a **Comfort Room** located off the foyer at the back of the Sanctuary for anyone who would like to listen to the service, especially intended to welcome parents with infants, yet open to anyone who needs a quieter place to be.