

**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 31. Sign-up at the Connections Table or 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.

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Unitarian Universalist

**Resistance:** *noun* re·sis·tance \ri-'zis-tən(t)s\

**1a :** an act or instance of resisting : opposition

**b:** a means of resisting

**2:** the power or capacity to resist: as

**a:** the inherent ability of an organism to resist harmful influences (as disease, toxic agents, or infection)

**b:** the capacity of a species or strain of microorganism to survive exposure to a toxic agent (as a drug) formerly effective against it

**3:** an opposing or retarding force

**4a:** the opposition offered by a body or substance to the passage through it of a steady electric current

**b:** a source of resistance

**5:** a psychological defense mechanism wherein a patient rejects, denies, or otherwise opposes the therapeutic efforts of a psychotherapist

**6 (often capitalized):** an underground organization of a conquered or nearly conquered country engaging in sabotage and secret operations against occupation forces and collaborators

*To Live is to Resist; To Resist is to Live*

**January 3, 2016**

**9:15 and 11:15 am**

**“To fly we have to have resistance.”**  
**~ Maya Lin**

**GATHERING IN FAITH ...**

**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  
In solidarity with all who are wounded  
And in celebration of all that is wonderful (EWW)

**PRELUDE**

**BEGINNING THE JOURNEY ....**

**OPENING WORDS**

OPENING HYMN #345 “With Joy We Claim the Growing Life”

**FINDING THE CENTER ...**

**PRAYER – SPOKEN, SILENT AND EMBODIED**

*Feel free to remain in silence during this time or, if you wish, come to the front to light  
Candles of Hope & Remembrance and/or write in the Sands of Forgiveness &  
Atonement.*

MEDITATION HYMN #352 “Find a Stillness”

**REFLECTION**

Rev. Wik

**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.”

**THE SHARING OF JOYS & SORROWS**

**GOING FORTH IN FAITH ...**

HYMN OF GOING FORTH #183 “The Wind of Change Forever Blown”

**EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE *and* PARTING WORDS**

**POSTLUDE**

A comfort room in the back of the sanctuary is available for those wanting  
a quiet space listening to the service with children if needed.

Thanks to Scott DeVaux, Adam Slate, and Wik Wikstrom  
for weaving our worship this morning.

Ushers: 9:15- Ann Salamini 11:15- Walter Hoffman, Dick Somer

Altar decorations are provided by Patty Wallens

**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.