Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church Unitarian Universalist

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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 April 24. Sign-up at the Connections Table or contact Jean Newland at <u>jeannewland45@gmail.com</u>.

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.



Staff Rev. Erik Walker Wikstrom, Lead Minister Rev. Alexandra McGee, Assistant Minister Leia Durland-Jones, Director of Faith Development Christina Rivera, Dir. of Admin. & Finance Caroline Heins, Religious Education Assistant Scott DeVeaux, Dir. of Music James Smith, Pianist Wendy Steeves, Office Assistant

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Different Strokes

April 17, 2016 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

GATHERING IN FAITH

SOUNDING THE CHIME

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Alex McGee

SOCIAL ACTION COLLECTION SPEAKER

for Barrett Early Learning Center Once a month we have a special collection as determined by our Social Justice Council. Please use the special envelope and leave it unsealed so it may be reused.

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

As we light this flame We set our intention for sacred space and time. We are many parts, coming together as one whole body.

PRELUDE "April (Snow Droplets)" by Tchaikovsky, played by Scott DeVeaux

BEGINNING THE JOURNEY

OPENING WORDS1 Corinthians12:12-31OPENING HYMNCome Thou Fount of Every Blessing # 126

FINDING THE CENTER ...

PRAYER – SPOKEN, SILENT AND EMBODIED

MEDITATION HYMN #389 Gathered Here

REFLECTION Different Strokes Pastor Lehman Bates

LIFTING OUR GAZE UPWARD AND OUTWARD ...

OFFERTORY AND EXTENDING OUR COMMUNITY

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 #151, *I Wish I Knew* EXTINGUISHING CHALICE *and* PARTING WORDS POSTLUDE

Our guest speaker today is Pastor Lehman Bates. Pastor Bates serves at Ebenezer Baptist Church here in Charlottesville, and has done a pulpit exchange with our congregation for nearly a decade. He is a leader in many Charlottesville organizations and our congregations have worked together on various service projects.

This morning, our lead minister, Rev. Erik Wikstrom, will be preaching at Ebenezer Baptist Church, also on the same text from Corinthians.

9:15 AM Ushers: George Maris and Tara Bossi 11:15 AM Ushers: Elizabeth Breeden and Gayle Floyd

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.