

**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 TODAY, April 24. 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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**Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church**  
(Unitarian Universalist)



**For the Beauty of the Earth**

April 24, 2016

9:15 & 11:15 am

**GATHERING THE COMMUNITY**  
SOUNDING THE CHIME

**GREETING & 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.

**PRELUDE**

**KINDLING THE CHALICE**

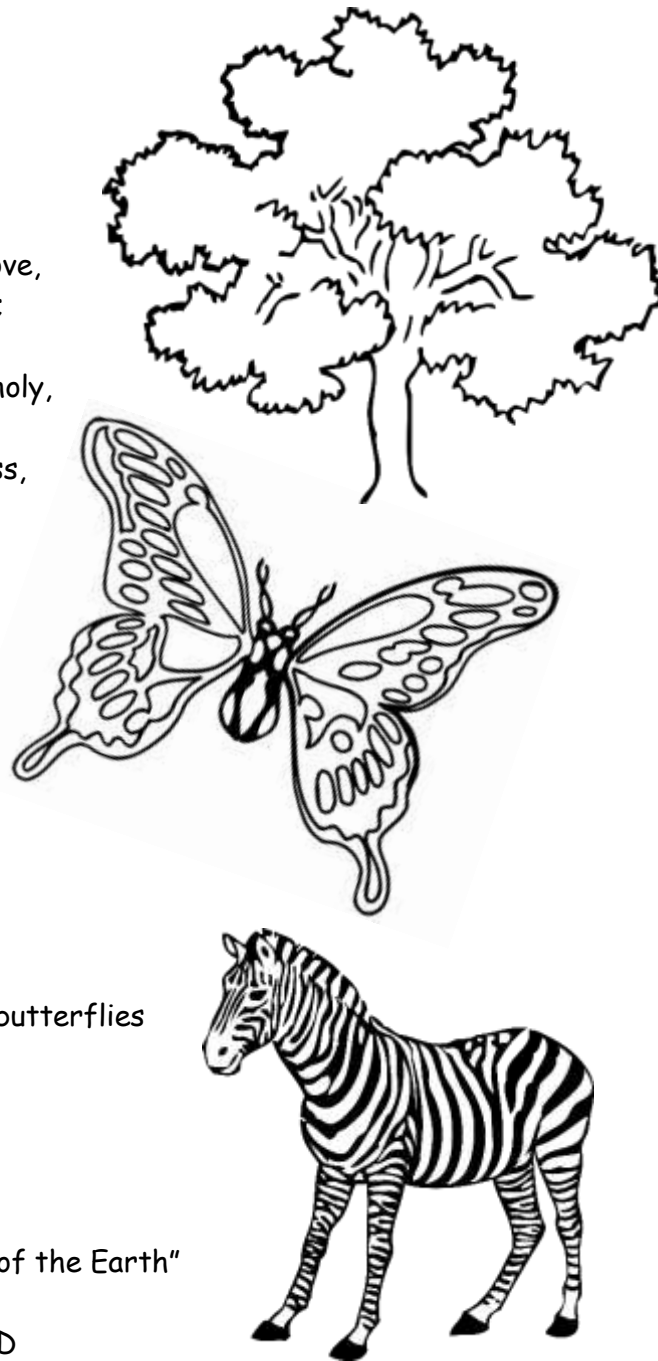
We live together on this earth  
It is our home  
And we are part of it  
No less than trees, and zebras, and butterflies  
We light this chalice  
In celebration of this world.

**OPENING STORY:** *Ilúvatar Creates Eä,*

**OPENING SONG #21** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

**PRESENTATION OF ECO-HERO AWARD**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "Listen to the Voices," (Holly Near) -- The TJMC Choir



**CENTERING**

PRAYER - SPOKEN, SILENT AND EMBODIED

SONG #1074 "Turn the World Around"

**GOING DEEPER**

REFLECTIONS

RevWik

**RETURNING TO SERVICE IN LIFE**

**OFFERTORY AND EXTENDING OUR COMMUNITY**

*While the offertory is played and the offering taken, take a moment to think of our wider community. If you are so inclined please feel encouraged to tweet, FB, IM, or text someone to let them know that they are missed, or share your feelings about this service with them. (#tjmccu and #uusunday)*

**DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

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

**HYMN:** "We've Got the Whole World in Our Hands"

**CLOSING STORY:** *Gaia Creates Herself: a story from ancient Greece*

**CLOSING SONG #1064** "Blue Boat Home"

**CLOSING WORDS**

**POSTLUDE**

Thanks to our congregation's ForEver Green group, for their continued sponsorship of these annual Earth Day services, and for all they've done and are doing to keep issues of Eco-Justice in our minds and hearts and in the consciousness of the wider Charlottesville community.

**Altar decorations provided by Patty Wallens.**

Thanks to those who wove our worship this morning,  
including each and every person present.

**Ushers: 9:15: Gloria Morgan and Maggie Ober 11:15: Dick Somer**

