

**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 July 17, 11:30-1. 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)



## What is a Blessing?

May 29, 2016

10:00 am

**As you enter this morning, if you have a joy or a sorrow  
you would like to share, there are cards just inside the doors  
for you to write your name and the nature of your sharing.  
RevWik will lift them up during the time of prayer.**

## 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.  
All are welcome here.

PRELUDE: May (White Nights) Tchaikovsky

#### KINDLING THE CHALICE

Life is a gift;  
Community is a gift;  
Love is a gift beyond measure.  
We light our chalice in celebration of our gifts.

#### OPENING WORDS

OPENING SONG #128 “For All That Is Our Life”

## CENTERING

### A TIME OF PRAYER

*If you have not yet done so, you are invited to fill out a Joy & Sorrow card (which can be found on the side aisle near the ramp to the Social Hall). If you do not indicate otherwise, Rev. Wik will incorporate the issue you raise in his spoken prayer, and all cards will be shared with the ministry staff.*

MEDITATION MUSIC “Deep River” (arr. Harry Burleigh)

## GOING DEEPER

### REFLECTIONS

Rev. Wik

### RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Seth Brett • Clara Chase • Alex Gardner • Megan Kimpel • Ian Ransom

MUSICAL RESPONSE: “Heav’n, Heav’n” (arr. Harry Burleigh)

## 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. (#tjmcuu and #uusunday)*

### DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

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

CLOSING HYMN #354 “We Laugh, We Cry”

### CLOSING WORDS

### POSTLUDE

Many deep thanks to Jessica Gondwe for providing the blessing of her music; to our graduating seniors, now young adults, for the blessings they are in the world; and to each and every person in the sanctuary this morning who make this space sacred and bless this community by their presence.

Ushers: **Dick Somer, Maggie Ober and Max Walpole**