

**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<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up at the Connections Table or contact Jean Newland at [jeanneiland45@gmail.com](mailto:jeanneiland45@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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## Celebrating In(ter)dependence Day



July 3, 2016  
10:00 am

**If you wish, fill out a card with a joy or a sorrow before the service begins.  
They can be found near the door that opens to the ramp to the Social Hall.  
Please put the completed card into the basket.**

### GATHERING IN FAITH ...

#### SOUNDING THE CHIME

#### 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

#### LIGHTING THE CHALICE

There is something in the very nature of our freedom that inclines us to love,  
to do good, to dedicate ourselves to others.  
We are less free when we are living for ourselves alone.  
We cannot be completely independent.  
Since we are not self-sufficient  
We depend on someone else for our fulfillment.  
Our freedom is not fully free when left to itself.  
It becomes so when it is brought into the right relation  
with freedom of another.  
We light this chalice in honor of our freedom and our interdependence.  
Adapted from Thomas Merton

### BEGINNING THE JOURNEY ....

OPENING HYMN: #159, "This is My Song"

### OPENING WORDS

### FINDING THE CENTER ...

#### A TIME OF PRAYER & MEDITATION

*During this time, you can sit in silent stillness, light a Candle of Hope & Remembrance, write in the Sands of Forgiveness & Atonement, and fill out a card with a joy or a sorrow (if you haven't already done so). The written joys and sorrows will be shared in spoken prayer.*

MEDITATION HYMN: #402 "From You I Receive"

### GOING DEEPER ...

REFLECTIONS: "Celebrating In(ter)dependence Day"

### 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.

### GOING FORTH IN FAITH ...

HYMN OF GOING FORTH #1021, "Lean on Me"

#### PARTING WORDS

#### EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

#### POSTLUDE

Ushers ~ Dick Somer and George Maris  
Worship Leaders ~ Pam Philips and Jeanine Braithwaite  
Ministers ~ each and every person here

If you would like to provide altar flowers, please sign up by the church office.

**Mission Statement:** Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church 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.