

**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 will be Sunday, October 16, 1-2:30PM. 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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**Into the Woods**  
*August 21, 2016*  
*10:00 am*

Sharing Joys & Sorrows: You may fill out a card with a joy or sorrow before the service, or during the lighting of candles and writing in the sands of forgiveness and atonement. Cards are by the side door of the sanctuary that opens to the ramp to the Social Hall. Please put completed cards in 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.  
All are welcome here.



### PRELUDE

#### LIGHTING THE CHALICE

Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law.  
This is our great covenant:  
To dwell together in peace,  
To seek the truth in love,  
And to help one another.

*-James Vila Blake*

## BEGINNING THE JOURNEY

### OPENING HYMN #347 “Gather the Spirit”

### RESPONSIVE READING #468 “We Need One Another”

### GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS

## FINDING THE CENTER

### RESPONSIVE PRAYER #515 & TIME OF SILENCE

### CANDLES OF HOPE AND REMEMBRANCE & SANDS OF FORGIVENESS AND ATONEMENT

### SHARING JOYS & SORROWS

### MEDITATION HYMN #1011 “Return Again”

## LIFTING OUR GAZE UPWARD AND OUTWARD

### READING from “Learning to Walk in the Dark” Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor

### EXPLORATION “Into the Woods” Adam Slate

### OFFERTORY AND EXTENDING OUR COMMUNITY

(Social Action Collection is for Public Housing Association of Residents)

### DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

We accept these gifts with gratitude.

May we use them to build our beloved community within and beyond these walls.

## GOING FORTH IN FAITH

### CLOSING HYMN #1021 “Lean on Me”

### CLOSING WORDS & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

### POSTLUDE

**Worship Weavers:** Scott DeVeaux, Audrey Gresser-Oldham, Ellie Ransom, Adam Slate

**Ushers:** Susan Erno and Dan Grogan

**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 & 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, & global programs that promote equity & end oppression.