

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 soon. Sign-up at the Connections Table or contact Jean Newland at jeanneuland45@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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Steve Bridenbaugh's "Peace Chalice"

"Being a People of Peace"

August 28, 2016

10:00 am

This month we're asking: *What does it mean to be a people of peace?*

If you wish to, you can 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

We light our flaming chalice
To illuminate the world we seek.
In the search for truth, may we be just;
In the search for justice, may we be loving;
And, in loving, may we find peace.
(Elizabeth M McMaster)

OPENING HYMN: #170, "We Are a Gentle, Angry People" (vs. 1 & 6)



BEGINNING THE JOURNEY

A READING

REFLECTIONS: "Peace in the Heart"

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: #1009, "Meditation on Breathing"

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 ...

PARTING WORDS

HYMN OF GOING FORTH #170, "We Are a Gentle, Angry People" (vs. 1-6)

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

Ushers: George Maris and Gayle Floyd

Altar decorations are offered by Leia Durland-Jones and Maggie Ober. The altar hanging is by Nik Skaggs.

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.