

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church Unitarian Universalist

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Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 1 pm

(Holidays and unforeseen events may alter these times)

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, January 29. Sign-up at the Connections Table or contact Jean Newland at jeanneuand45@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.

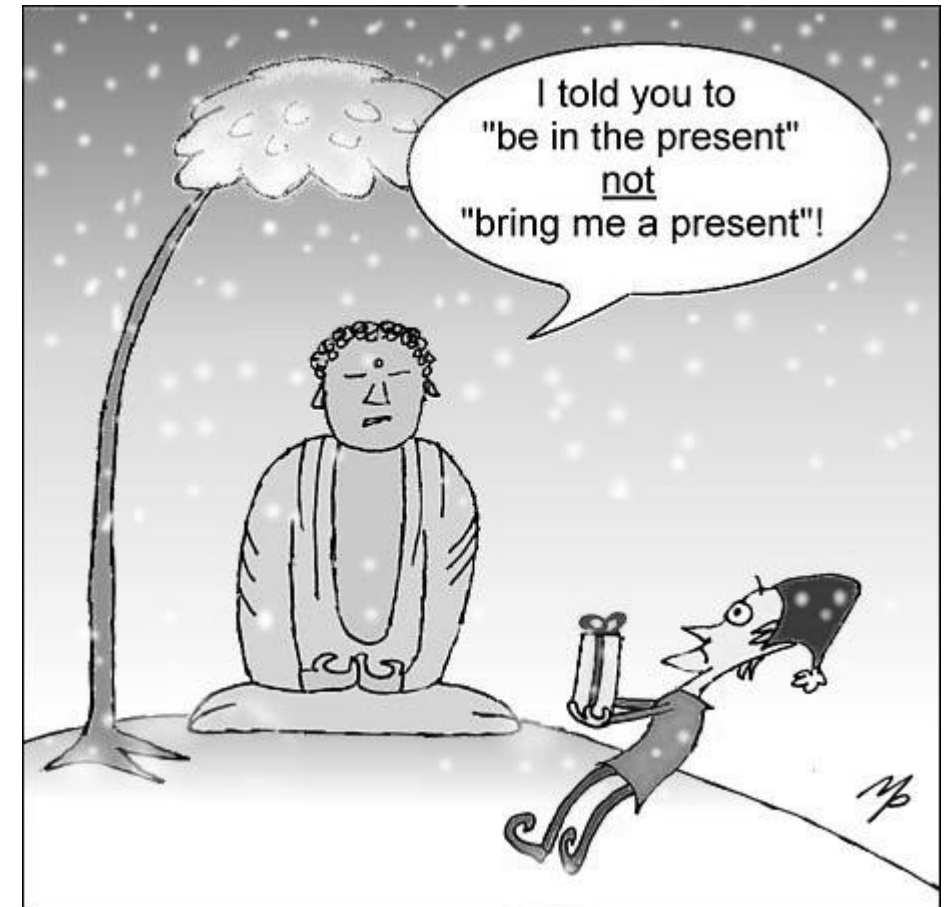
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“Be Here Now”

December, 4 2016

9:15 & 11:15 am

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



PREPARATION ...

SOUNDING THE CHIME

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 this chalice to remind us to be.
We light this chalice to remind us to be here.
We light this chalice to remind us to be here now.
(eww)

ENTERING IN

A STORY FOR ALL AGES ...

We will “sing out” our children (and the adults who are privileged work with them) with the song they sing each week when leaving Children’s Worship:

“As we leave this friendly place/love give light to every face/may the kindness that we learn/light our hearts ‘till we return.”

OPENING HYMN: #389, “Gathered Here”

A READING

REFLECTIONS: Be Here Now

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 DEEPER ...

A TIME OF SILENCE

LIGHTING CANDLES & WRITING IN THE SANDS

SING TOGETHER: #123, “Spirit of Life”

JOYS AND SORROWS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL MEDITATION: #396, “I Know This Rose Will Open”

RETURNING ...

PARTING WORDS

HYMN OF GOING FORTH “As We Leave This Friendly Place”

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE



Ushers: 9:15-Maggie Ober and George Maris 11:15-Gloria Morgan and Will Norton

The altar was created by the Contemplative Worship Team

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.