

## WE WELCOME YOU

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

## 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.

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# Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church (Unitarian Universalist)



## A Rite of Spring 2017 *an Eastertide Celebration in Two Acts*

"[God] has written the promise of the resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."

~ Martin Luther



Words of Welcome

Ring of the Bell

Chalice Lighting

Response: *We light our chalice in peace and friendship.*

Introit

~ Act 1: winter and the tomb ~

Reader 1: the Story of Winter

\* Hymn: *Now the Day Is Over*

Reader 2: the Story of Jesus, pt. 1

Choral Offering: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"  
from the *St. Matthew Passion*, J.S. Bach

Reader 2: the Story of Jesus, pt. 2

Choral Offering: "Now From thy Cheeks Has Vanished"  
from the *St. Matthew Passion*, J.S. Bach

\* Hymn: *Now in the Tomb is Laid*

Reader 3: the Story of our Lives

\* Hymn: *In the Bleak Midwinter (adapted)*



~ Offertory Interlude ~

~ Act 2: springtime resurrection ~

Reader 1: the Story of Spring

\* Hymn: *Lo the Earth Awakes Again*

Reader 2: the Story of Jesus

\* Hymn: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

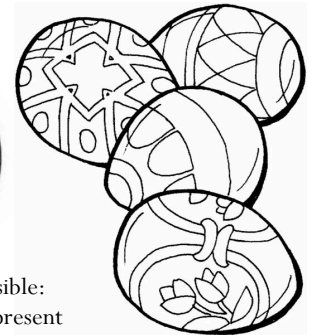
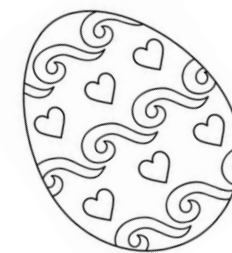
Reader 3: the Story of our Lives

Closing Words

Postlude



\* Stand or sit as you are able, but please put your whole body and soul into the singing!



Thanks to the following people who make our services possible:  
Today's Worship Weavers, the TJMC Choir, and everyone present

9:15 AM Ushers: Maggie Ober and Susan Erno 11:15 AM Ushers: Elizabeth Breeden and Marcia Brecker

Please be sure to **put cell phones** and any other electrical device into silent mode but leave them on.  
If you are moved during the service to take note of something that was said, or something that you felt,  
or if you want to reach out and share it with someone else, please feel free to do so.

We encourage you to refrain from applauding during the service, unless you cannot constrain yourself!

Please note: We have a **Comfort Room** located off the foyer at the back of the Sanctuary for anyone who would like to listen to the service, especially intended to welcome parents with infants, yet open to anyone who needs a quieter place to be.