

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 August 27, 11:15-1 (in the Church Parlor. Sign-up at the Connections Table or contact Jean Newland at 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.

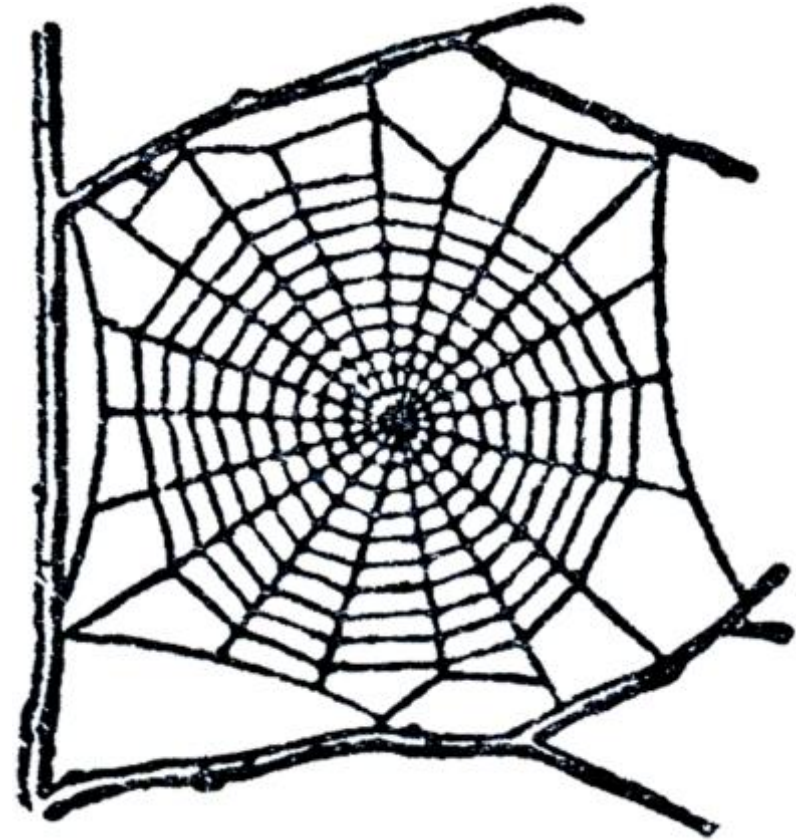
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When Spider Webs Become Cobwebs

April 30, 2017
9:15 & 11:15 am

The theme of worship this month is Transformation. One of the teams in our church that supports members through times of change is our Pastoral Visitors. Today we are lifting up their service and inviting others to consider this calling.

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. All are welcome here.

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

This chalice lighting is done with hand motions during Childrens' Worship:

We light this chalice of Unitarian Universalism
This is a church of the open mind
This is a church of the helping hand
This a church of the loving heart.

We light this chalice for the web of life which sustains us,
For the sacred circle of life in which we have our being,
For the Earth, the Sky, Above and Below, and
For our Mother Earth, and for the Mystery. --- by Paul Sprecher

OPENING HYMN: # 346 "Come Sing a Song with Me"

TIME FOR ALL AGES *Rev. Erik Wikstom will read the poem to our children.*

SINGING THE CHILDREN TO THEIR CLASSES

As we leave this friendly place, love give light to every face
May the kindness that we learn, guide our hearts til we return.

CHOIR "We Will Stand with You" *Angela and Michael Souders*

REFLECTION: "When Spider Webs Become Cobwebs" by Rev. Alex McGee

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.

SING TOGETHER #123 "Spirit of Life"

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

LIGHTING CANDLES AND WIPING THE SANDS CLEAN

Please cultivate a meditative quiet during this embodied prayer.

JOYS AND SORROWS

MUSICAL MEDITATION

HYMN OF GOING FORTH # 203 "All Creatures of the Earth and Sky"

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Ushers: 9:15- Sarah Peaslee 11:15-Elizabeth Breeden

The altar was created by the Contemplative Worship Team.

During worship, please consider accessing the bathrooms and nursery through the back of the church in the newly renovated stairway to the Lower Hall.

"Night-Spider's Advice" by Joyce Sidman

Build a frame
and stick to it,
I always say.
Life's a circle.
Just keep going around.
Do your work, then
sit back and see
what falls in your lap.
Eat your triumphs,
eat your mistakes:
that way your belly
will always be full.
Use what you have.
Rest when you need to.
Dawn will come soon enough.
Someone has to remake
the world each night.
It might as well be you.

"From Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night, by Joyce Sidman, (c) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2010."