

**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, August 27. 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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*Little Boats and Living Bridges*

Annual Bridging Ceremony

June 4, 2017

10:00 am

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

Our lives may be filled up,  
But that's not always fulfilling.  
We are able to hear so much,  
Yet often can't listen.  
There is always something to do,  
When can we simply be?  
May this gentle chalice flame,  
Share with us its light.  
~ *Anonymous*

THE STORY OF LITTLE BOAT

HYMN RESPONSE: #1064, "Blue Boat Home"

A TIME OF PRAYER: Spoken, Silent, and Embodied

MEDITATION HYMN: "I Know This Rose Will Open"

REFLECTION I: Living Bridges (Rev. Wik)

REFLECTION II: Learning to Adult as a UU (Hannah Beaman)

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES & CEREMONY OF  
BRIDGING TO YOUNG ADULTHOOD

*Eric Eckhart, Sadie Goodman, Naomi Holmes, Jake Ludwick, Rachel Manto,  
Morgan Milburn, Oie Slate*

PARENTS & YOUTH ADVISORS OF THE CLASS OF 2017

Beloved ones, we honor you and the many challenges and accomplishments that have brought you to this day. We thank you for the opportunity to walk beside you and nurture you during your growing up years. As you cross the bridge from childhood to young adulthood, we make this pledge with joy: To surround you now and always with our love and support. We hold you in your hearts. You have our love and our blessings.

CONGREGATION:

We recognize this day as a time of new beginnings. Leaving the security of the past is balanced with the excitement of embracing an unknown future rich with possibility. Your congregation honors you at this time of change and transformation. We make this pledge with joy: To persevere with you in our free faith, with all the blessings and responsibilities it brings. May you always know you have a place among us.

OFFERING

CLOSING HYMN: # 346 "Come, Sing a Song With Me"

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

**Ushers:** 10:00 – Elizabeth Breeden

The flowers on the altar are given by Susan Erno in memory of Eve and Carolyn (mom and sister).