

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 January 29, 2017. 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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Ancestors' Sunday
October 30, 2016

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

**There will be no spoken prayer today, and no Sharing of Joys & Sorrows.
If you would like to alert the ministry staff to a pastoral need, please fill out a card
and place it in the basket located in the side aisle near the ramp exit.**

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

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.

LIGHTING THE CHALICE (by Christian Schmidt, Alexis Capen)

We light this chalice for the children, youth, and adults of this community:
celebrating the flame of faith lit in each of us,
honoring the light each of us bring into the world,
rejoicing in the community we create together.

PRELUDE

OPENING WORDS

A STORY FOR ALL: “The Brothers”
(a Hausa Tale from West Africa, retold by Sarah Conover and Freda Crane)

OPENING HYMN: #128, “For All That is Our Life”

INTRODUCING THE MARIGOLDS

HONORING THE PRESENT

A BRIEF REFLECTION

MUSICAL RESPONSE (9:15 service)

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“Roll Down, Justice” and “I Choose Love”

Composer: Mark Miller; Sung by: TJMC Children’s Choir

CEREMONY TO RECOGNIZE NEW MEMBERS

Kelsey Cowger, Karen Crum, Kit McNally, Joel McNally, Mandi Crisp, Joe Crisp, Marcia Brecker, Steven Brecker, Alpha Barry, Karen Foley, April Baker, Jeff Baker, Rose Marie Cole, Ethan Hartung, Julia Landis, Logan Milburn, Morgan Milburn, Lucy Pugh-Sellars, Hallie Pugh-Sellars, Ellie Ransom

HONORING THE PAST

READING: “Gratitude To My Ancestors” (Marta Valentin)

BUILDING THE ANCESTORS’ ALTAR

MUSICAL RESPONSE: “Breaths”

Poem: Birago Diop; Music: Ysaye Barnwell;

Arrangement: Scott DeVeaux

CALLING THE NAMES

HONORING THE FUTURE

OFFERING

CLOSING WORDS

CLOSING HYMN: #6, “Just As Long As I Have Breath”

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

Ushers: 9:15-Ann Salamini and George Maris 11:15-Dan Grogan and Sarah Peaslee

The altar was created by the Contemplative Worship Team

WORDS FOR THE CEREMONY TO RECOGNIZE NEW MEMBERS

FORMAL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION: We who have previously formalized our membership in the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church community, welcome you as you now take this step. We honor your courage and are grateful for your commitment. We invite you to participate as fully as you can in the life of our religious community, offering your whole selves – strengths and weaknesses both – to this tapestry we weave,-and ask you to do the same for us.

NEW MEMBERS: We affirm the community we join today – its reverence for the past, its vision for the future and its passion to live fully in the present.

EVERYONE PRESENT: Long-time and newly formalized members, first time visitors, and those of us in-between – we are one community. May these words and these acts of welcome serve to renew our covenant with one another.



LYRICS FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR'S SONGS

ROLL DOWN, JUSTICE!

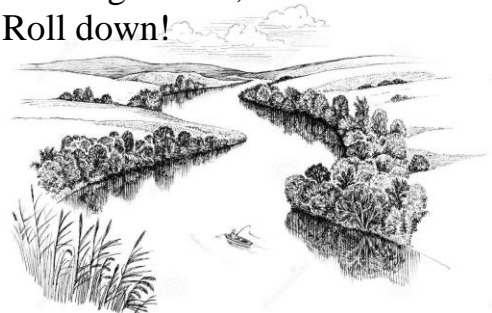
Music & Lyrics: Mark Miller

There's a voice, strong and clear
Ringing out far and near
"Let justice roll down, let justice roll down!"
Like the rush of a stream
Comes a powerful dream
Let justice roll down
Justice rolls down!

Let the earth be restored,
Ev'ry soul be reformed;
Let the healing renew
Creation reborn.

Here in this sacred space
With the strength of God's grace
Let justice roll down,
Justice rolls down!

Roll down, justice!
Roll like an ever flowing stream.
Roll down!
Roll down, justice!
Roll like an ever flowing stream,
Flowing stream,
Roll down!



On this glorious day,
Give us courage we pray
That justice rolls down,
Let justice roll down!
Let the vision take flight
And God will delight
As water roll down,
Justice abounds!

Roll down, justice!
Roll like an ever flowing stream.
Roll down!
Roll down, justice!
Roll like an ever flowing stream,
Flowing stream,
Roll down!

I CHOOSE LOVE

Music: Mark Miller; Lyrics: Lindy Thompson

In the midst of pain, I choose love
In the midst of pain, I choose love
In the midst of pain,
sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love,
I choose love.

In the midst of war, I choose peace
In the midst of war, I choose peace
In the midst of war,
hate and anger keeping score
I will seek the good once more, I choose peace,
I choose peace.

When my world falls down, I will rise
When my world falls down, I will rise
When my world falls down,
explanations can't be found,
I will climb to holy ground, I will rise,
I will rise.



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