

—WORDS FOR COMMISSIONING OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS—

**PARENTS:** We appreciate your gifts of time and attention for our children and youth. As you guide them, you will be their role models. More than any formal lesson, our children will learn about who we are and what we believe by your treatment of them and each other. We thank you for your loving care.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH:** Thank you for being our teachers. We look forward to spending time with you, having fun with you, and learning with you. We ask that you to treat us kindly and with respect.

**RE TEACHERS & YOUTH ADVISORS:** We accept the responsibilities of working with our children and youth. We promise to bring our enthusiasm, talents, and energies to help them grow in wise and loving ways. We ask you for support in this endeavor. Be there when we need help. Listen when we need your ear. Include us in the life of our church community.

**CONGREGATION:** We acknowledge and honor the work of the RE teachers and advisors in our community. We know this work is important and is not something that can be done alone. We are all teachers and learners. We are here to support and help, each in our own way.

**ALL:** This is the beginning of a new year of learning. We are all part of this one community—children and adults alike. May we grow and be enriched by our time together.

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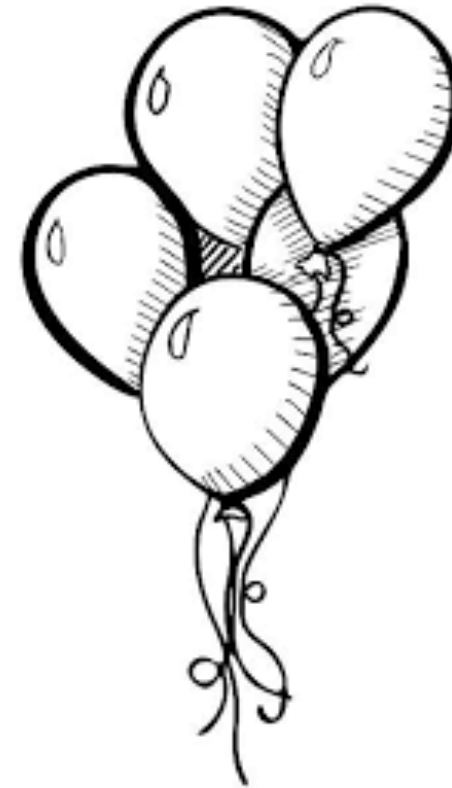
***OUR COVENANT:** In order to create the beloved community we all desire for ourselves, we, the Congregation of TJMC Unitarian Universalist covenant to:*

- *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



*Balloon Sunday*  
September 10, 2017  
10:00 am

## 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 *From Holberg's Time*, 1st movement

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LIGHTING THE CHALICE

We light this chalice to celebrate Unitarian Universalism.  
This is a church of open minds.  
This is a church of helping hands.  
This is a church of loving hearts.

ENTERING IN ....

HYMN #347, "Gather the Spirit"

STORY *Grandmother's Courage* a retelling by Faye Mogensen

Leia Durland-Jones

CHORAL ANTHEM "We Must Do What We Must Do"

words/music: Nick Page

## GOING DEEPER ...

REFLECTION

Rev. Wik

HYMN #131, "Love Will Guide Us"

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HYMN #346, "Come, Sing a Song with Me"

REAFFIRMING OUR COMMUNITY'S COVENANT

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.

PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

RETURNING ...

RELEASING OUR HOPES, WISHES AND BALLOONS

HYMN OF GOING FORTH #118, "This Little Light of Mine"

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

**Ushers: Maggie Ober, Jennifer Davis, Janine Jakim**

**Thank you** to our ushers, greeters, musicians, worship weavers, and everyone here.  
The altar was created by our Contemplative Worship Team.