

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 coming up soon. Sign-up at the Connections Table or contact Sally Taylor, sallytaylor411@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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Rev. Walter Clark, Guest Preacher

October 1, 2017

9:15 & 11:15 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

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

Silence isn't empty,
It is filled with answers.
The sound of a bell
Vibrates out to the edge of existence.
The radiance of a flame can go as far,
Into the silence, and out into the world.

ENTERING IN

A STORY FOR ALL

To Sing the Children to Their Awaiting Adventures: *As we leave this friendly place,
love give light to every face. May the kindness that we learn, light our hearts 'till we return.*

OPENING HYMN

REFLECTION:

Rev. Walter Clark

OFFERTORY

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

We accept these gifts with gratitude.
May we use them wisely and for the highest good.

GOING DEEPER ...

A TIME OF SILENCE

LIGHTING CANDLES & WRITING IN THE SANDS

SING TOGETHER

JOYS AND SORROWS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL MEDITATION

RETURNING ...

PARTING WORDS

HYMN OF GOING FORTH

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

Our **Guest Preacher**, Walter Clark, received his Master of Divinity from Meadville Lombard Theological School in spring of 2016. He was an intern at the First Unitarian Universalist of Richmond for two years as well as an intern at the Fellowship of the Peninsula in Newport news last year. He is committed to the work of anti-oppression and economic equality.

Ushers: 9:15-Maggie Ober **11:15-**Wes Farris

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