

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 held after the 11:15am service on January 28. 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.

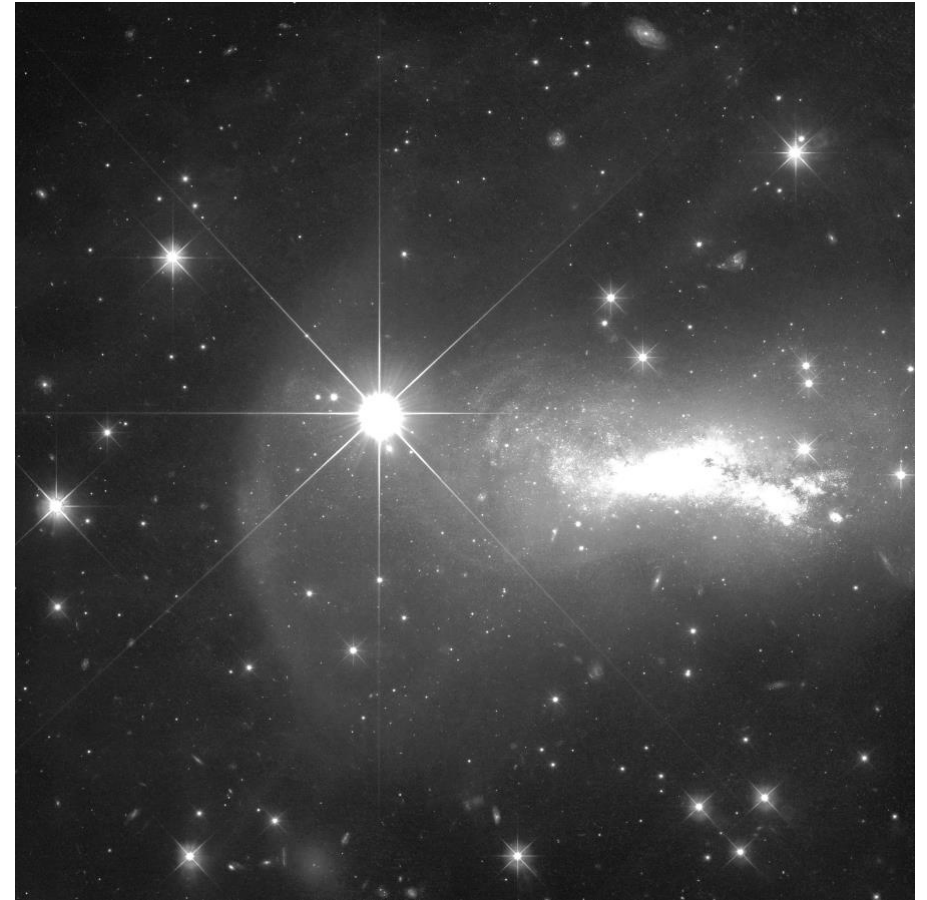
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Oh Star!
December 3, 2017
9:15 & 11:15 am



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: "If I Were God" (text by Omar Khayyam) *TJMC Choir*

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

As we consider the stars,
let us remember that they are the same stars,
and that is the same moon,
that look down upon our brothers and sisters,
and which they see as they look up to them,
though they are ever so far away from us, and each other.
May this chalice flame remind us of the stars,
and our human family.
~ *Sojourner Truth (adapted)*

ENTERING IN

A TIME FOR ALL

As we leave this friendly place / love give light to ev’ry face. / May the kindness
that we learn / guide our hearts ‘till we return.



OPENING HYMN #1012, “When I Am Frightened”

REFLECTION: “*Ob Star!*” Rev. Wik Wikstrom

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 #123, “Spirit of Life

JOYS AND SORROWS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL MEDITATION

RETURNING ...

PARTING WORDS

HYMN OF GOING FORTH #293, “O Star of Truth”

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE



Ushers: 9:15-Ann Salamini and Dan Grogan **11:15**-Gloria Morgan and Faith Moore

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