

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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If Trees Could Talk

December 7, 2018

9:15 & 11:15 am



PREPARATION ...

SOUNDING THE CHIME

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS, and 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

Learn character from trees, values from roots, and change from leaves.
If you would know strength and patience, welcome the company of trees.
Trees are poems that the earth writes upon the sky.
This oak tree and me, we’re made of the same stuff.
~ Tasneem Hameed; Hal Borland; Kahlil Gibran; Carl Sagan

ENTERING IN

OPENING STORY

Singing As Our Children Leave: *As we leave this friendly place, / love give light to every face. / May the kindness that we learn, / guide our hearts ‘till we return.*

OPENING HYMN #328, “I Sought the Wood in Summer”

REFLECTION: “If Trees Could Talk” 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

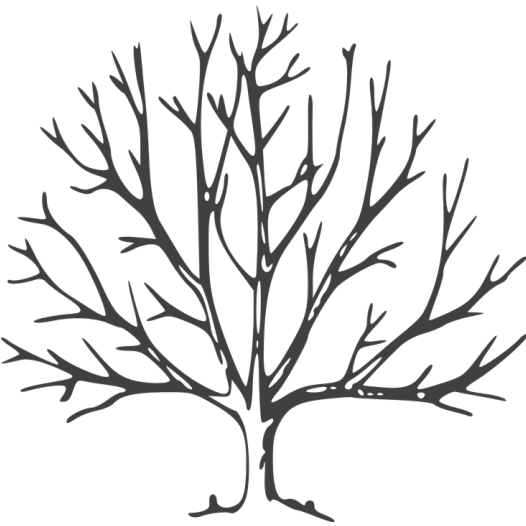
RETURNING ...

PARTING WORDS

HYMN OF GOING FORTH #21, “For the Beauty of the Earth”

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE



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.