

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. The next Newcomers Orientation will be held 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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The Practice & The Promise

February 4, 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

This a chalice of audacious hope.
This chalice shines a light on our shared past,
signaling our intention to listen deeply, reflect wisely,
and move boldly toward our highest ideals
~ Rev. Rebekah Savage

ENTERING IN

OPENING WORDS

OPENING HYMN #1007, “There’s a River Flowing in My Soul”

REFLECTION: *Reflections On The Promise and Practice of Our Faith*

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 #1031, “Filled With Loving Kindness”

JOYS AND SORROWS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL MEDITATION

RETURNING ...

PARTING WORDS

HYMN OF GOING FORTH #95, “There is More Love Somewhere”

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE



BLACK LIVES of UU

Ushers: 9:15-Ann Salamini 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.

And the **deepest gratitude** to Viola Abbitt, Rev. Carol Thomas Cissel, DeReau Farrar, Adrian Graham, Rev. Kimberly Quinn Johnson, Rayla Mattson, Rev. Rebekah Montgomery, Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Jae Pema-la Scott, Erica Shadowsong, Connie Simon, and Amanda Thomas – black UU religious professionals who contributed their time and talent in creating the materials for our service this morning, and which are being used in congregations across the country.