

WE WELCOME YOU

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

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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A Rite of Spring 2018

an Eastertide Celebration in Two Acts

"[God] has written the promise of the resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."
~ Martin Luther



Words of Welcome

Ring of the Bell

Chalice Lighting

Response: *We light our chalice in peace and friendship.*

Introit

~ Act 1: winter and the tomb ~

Reader 1: the Story of Winter

* Hymn: *Now the Day Is Over*

Reader 2: the Story of Jesus, pt. 1

Choral Offering: "When Jesus Wept" (William Billings)
"When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound. When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around."

the Story of Jesus, pt. 2

* Hymn: *Now in the Tomb is Laid*

Reader 3: the Story of our Lives



* Hymn: *In the Bleak Midwinter (adapted)*

~ Offertory Interlude ~

~ Act 2: springtime resurrection ~

Reader 1: the Story of Spring

* Hymn: *Lo the Earth Awakes Again*

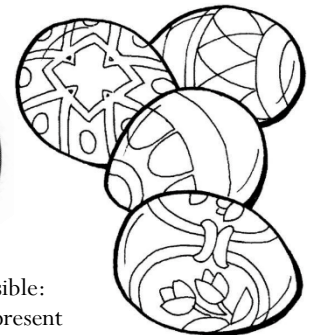
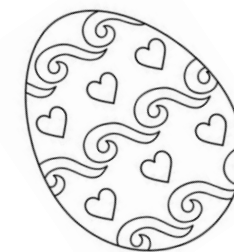
Reader 2: the Story of Jesus

* Hymn: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Reader 3: the Story of our Lives

Closing Words

Postlude



* *Stand or sit as you are able, but please put your whole body and soul into the singing!*

Thanks to the following people who make our services possible:
Today's Worship Weavers, the TJMC Choir, and everyone present

9:15 AM Ushers: Maggie Ober 11:15 AM Ushers: Elizabeth Breeden
Altar: Lillies in honor and memory of our loved ones.