

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 July 15, 2018 at 11:15 am in the Church Parlor. 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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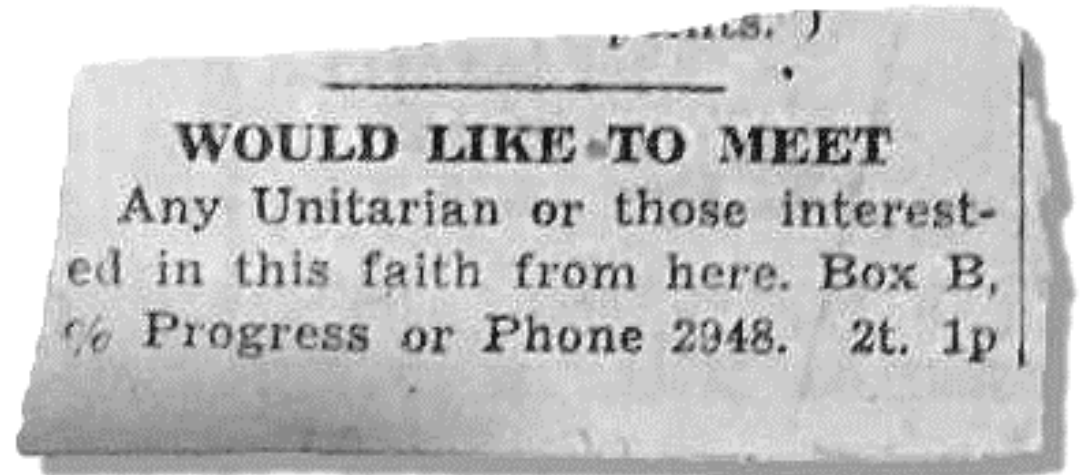
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**Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church
Unitarian Universalist**



*75 Years of Liberal Religion in Charlottesville
Looking Back; Looking Ahead*

April 29, 2018
9:15 & 11:15

SOUNDING THE CHIME

GREETING

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,

As you come seeking love, 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,
All who welcome others are welcome here.

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

To be together is progress.
To work together is success.
So all together, hand in hand,
We go forward
And will be
Progressive and successful.
~ from an annual report of the Women's Alliance

PRELUDE

A STORY FOR ALL

Leia Durland-Jones

As we leave this friendly place, love give light to every face.
May the kindness that we learn, light our hearts 'till we return.

RESPONSIVE LITANY (from the service celebrating the ground-breaking this building)

Congregational Response: We commit our hearts and hands this day.

OPENING HYMN: #318, "We Would Be One"

REFLECTIONS "Looking Back; Looking Ahead"

Rev. Wik

OFFERING

In addition to collecting the morning's financial offerings, the ushers will be passing out pledge cards. There are boxes at each entrance to the sanctuary, and in the Social Hall as well, to receive your completed cards. Thank you for your support of this community's future.

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

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

A TIME OF SILENCE & REFLECTION

MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Begin Again"

Wendy Repass

ACT OF DEDICATION (from the service of dedication for the building)

Congregational Response: We dedicate this house.

PARTING HYMN: #143, "Not in Vain the Distance Beacons"

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

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

Deep and abiding gratitude to the women and men who, over the 75 years of this congregation's life, have sought to *be* a faith community worthy of that name, however imperfectly at times. To those who hung in during the hard times, to those who challenged despite the risk, to those who faced their fears and waded through the discomfort of taking seriously the Unitarian Universalist call to be a just and loving people. To those who laughed, cried, argued, learned and grew, challenged, changed, and loved – THANK YOU.

May we who are gathered here this morning remember our covenant, honor our principles, and pass on our vision with the same devotion our predecessors showed. Without them, we would not be here this morning, just as without us, no one will be here 75 years from now, wrestling with the issues of their day, striving to make this a more beautiful, more loving world.