

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 newcomer orientation will be on Sunday, July 15, 2018 at 11:15 (after the single service) until 1 pm 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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How Do You Want to Bloom Here?

April 15, 2018

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,

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.

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

Help us to be ever faithful gardeners of the spirit,
Who know that without darkness,
Nothing comes to birth,
And without light,
Nothing flowers. (May Sarton)

ENTERING IN

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

9:15 – *Terry and Amy Epp; Chuck and Robin Fetter ;Dinny Jensen*

11:15 – *Patrick Migas and Margaret Lambert; Mitch and Liberty Powers; Margaret Record; Julia Sakellarios*

Formal Members of the Congregation: We who have previously formalized our membership in the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church community, welcome you as you now take this step. We honor your courage and are grateful for your commitment. We invite you to participate as fully as you can in the life of our religious community, offering your whole selves – strengths and weaknesses both – to this tapestry we weave, and ask you to do the same for us.

New Members: We affirm the community we join today – its reverence for the past, its vision for the future and its passion to live fully in the present.

Everyone Present: Long-time and newly formalized members, first time visitors, and those of us in-between – we are one community. May these words and these acts of welcome serve to renew our covenant with one another.

CHORAL RESPONSE We Are the Earth (Jim Scott)

TJMC Choir

REFLECTIONS

OFFERTORY

Social Action Collection: Blue Ridge Abortion Assistance Fund

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 ...

CLOSING WORDS

HYMN OF GOING FORTH

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

Ushers: 9:15-Maggie Ober 11:15-Wes Farris and Marcia Brecker

The altar was created by the Contemplative Worship Team.