

**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](mailto: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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Unitarian Universalist**



*The Earth Is Our Mother ...*

May 13, 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

We light this chalice for the web of life which sustains us,  
For the sacred circle of life in which we have our being,  
For the Earth, the Sky, Above and Below, and  
For our Mother Earth, and for the Mystery.  
(Paul Sprecher)

## **ENTERING IN ...**

OPENING WORDS

OPENING HYMN #1073, "The Earth is Our Mother"

REFLECTIONS

OFFERTORY

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 ...**

CLOSING WORDS

HYMN OF GOING FORTH #317, "We Are Not Our Own"

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE



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

The altar was created by the Contemplative Worship Team.