

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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Little Boats and Living Bridges
Annual Bridging Ceremony
June 3, 2018
10:00 am

PREPARATION ...

SOUNDING THE CHIME

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF WELCOME

Leia Durland-Jones

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 to celebrate Unitarian Universalism.
This is a church of the open mind, this is a church of the helping hands,
This is a church of the loving heart.

ENTERING IN ...

OPENING WORDS

OPENING HYMN: #188, Come, Come Whoever You Are

THE STORY OF LITTLE BOAT by Thomas Docherty

HYMN RESPONSE: #1064, “Blue Boat Home”

GOING DEEPER ...

READING: “Crossing a Bridge” by the Reverend Tim Kutzmark

A TIME OF PRAYER: Spoken, Silent, and Sung

MEDITATION HYMN: #396, “I Know this Rose Will Open”

REFLECTION Living Bridges

Rev. Wik

HYMN: #123, “Spirit of Life”

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES & CEREMONY OF
BRIDGING TO YOUNG ADULTHOOD

*Salena Brouwer, Anna Dunn, Annalee Durland-Jones, Julia Freeman,
Jonah Goodman, Libbey Hartung, Reid Moulis, Evan Price,
Carl Restenberger, William Schuyler*

FAMILY, MENTORS & YOUTH ADVISORS OF THE CLASS OF 2018:
Beloved ones, we honor you and the many challenges and accomplishments
that have brought you to this day. We thank you for the opportunity to walk
beside you and nurture you during your growing up years. As you cross the
bridge from childhood to young adulthood, we make this pledge with joy:
To surround you now and always with our love and support. We hold you
in your hearts. You have our love and our blessings.

CONGREGATION:

We recognize this day as a time of new beginnings. Leaving the security of
the past is balanced with the excitement of embracing an unknown future
rich with possibility. Your congregation honors you at this time of change
and transformation. We make this pledge with joy: To persevere with you in
our free faith, with all the blessings and responsibilities it brings. May you
always know you have a place among us.

RETURNING ...

OFFERTORY

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

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

CLOSING WORDS: “For Those Who Have Far to Travel” by Jan Richardson

CLOSING HYMN: #346, “Come, Sing a Song With Me”

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

Ushers: Mary Miller and Wes Farris

The altar was created by the Contemplative Worship Team