

## 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.** Next Newcomers Orientation will be Sunday, September 23, 2018, 12:45. 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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*Here We Have Gathered*  
July 29, 2018  
10:00 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

May the cup of this chalice connect us to our history and those who came before,  
who struggled to bring the practice of our faith  
into the fullness of its theology of love, liberation and interdependence.

And may the flame of this chalice keep us attuned to the deepest calling of our faith.  
May its light remind us of the joy that is present in life, even in struggle—  
a joy that is the fullest expression of the liberated and loving soul of humanity.

– Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, UUA President (adapted)

**ENTERING IN ...**

OPENING WORDS

OPENING HYMN #360, “Here We Have Gathered”

REFLECTIONS

OFFERING & 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 #123, “Spirit of Life”

JOYS AND SORROWS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL MEDITATION

**RETURNING ...**

CLOSING WORDS

HYMN OF GOING FORTH #1014, “Siding with Love”

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE



**Ushers: Wes Farris and Elizabeth Breeden**

The altar was created by the Contemplative Worship Team.