

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 September 23, 2018, 12:45. 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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Hope and Courage
August 12, 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 *Adagio Sostenuto*, from *Six Moments Musicaux*, Op. 16
(Rachmaninoff)

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

In times of darkness, we stumble toward the tiny flame.
In times of cold, we seek the warming fire.
In times of repression, we reach for the lamp of truth,
In times of loss, we pray for the comforting light.
In times of joy, we light a candle of celebration.
Spirit of Life, as we kindle this light, help us find what we need this
day. (---Brian Kiely)

ENTERING IN ...

OPENING HYMN: Gather the Spirit # 347

DEEPENING HYMN: Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear #1029

REFLECTIONS

TIME OF SILENCE

OFFERTORY

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

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

GOING DEEPER ...

MEDITATION HYMN Comfort Me #1002

LIGHTING CANDLES & WRITING IN THE SANDS

JOYS AND SORROWS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL MEDITATION *La Cathedrale engloutie*,
From *Preludes Book One* (Debussy)

RETURNING ...

HYMNS OF GOING FORTH Once to Every Soul and Nation #119

Guide My Feet #348

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE *Fantasia* on "What Wondrous Love is This" (folk)

Ushers: Gloria Morgan and Elizabeth Breeden

The altar was created by the Contemplative Worship Team. We appreciate Mary Rose Curtis loaning us another sculpture created by her late husband.

Thanks to Joyce Polifka for filling in as pianist while James and Scott are out of town. Joyce moved to Charlottesville this year with her family and has served as a pianist for many different faith groups and settings.