

**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.** 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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*In-Gathering Water Communion Celebration*

September 2, 2018

10:00 am



**PREPARATION ...**

SOUNDING THE CHIME

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,

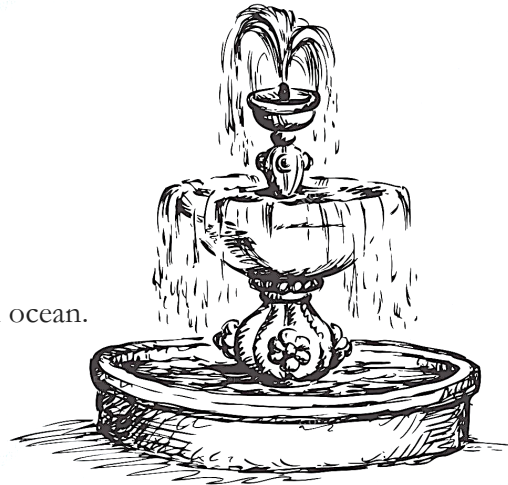
As you come seeking love, Your presence here is a gift. Whether you are filled with sadness, Overflowing with joy, Needing to be alone with yourself, Or eager to engage with others, All who welcome others are welcome here.

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

Water flows from high in the mountains.  
Water runs deep in the Earth.  
Miraculously, water comes to us,  
And sustains life.

Water and sun green these plants  
When the rain of compassion falls,  
Even a desert becomes an immense, green ocean.  
*(Ven. Thich Nhat Hanh)*



**ENTERING IN ....**

WATER COMES TO US

HYMN RESPONSE: #1064, “Blue Boat Home” (vs. 1)

REFLECTION

PRESENTATION OF THE CONNIE CHEETHAM AWARD

CHORAL RESPONSE: “Love Calls Us On”

OFFERING OF GIFTS

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

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



**GOING DEEPER ...**

A CEREMONY OF WATER AND LIGHT

*At this time you are invited to form a line in the center aisle and come forward to pour the water you have brought with you into the common bowl. Feel free to think on where and when this water came from and what it means to you, and to offer a silent hope or prayer for the year to come. This is also the time to light a Candle of Hope & Remembrance or write in the Sands of Forgiveness & Atonement.*

MEDITATION HYMN #1064, “Blue Boat Home” (vs. 2)

BLESSING THE WATER/BLESSING ONE ANOTHER

*The young and young at heart are now invited to come forward to bless the water with these words: “With all of our hope, with all of our courage, with all of our love ... in the name of all that is Good we bless this water.”*

**RETURNING ...**

PARTING WORDS

HYMN OF GOING FORTH #1064, “Blue Boat Home” (vs. 3)

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE



**Ushers:** Ann Salamini

**Thank you** to our ushers, greeters, musicians, worship weavers, and everyone here.

The altar was created by our Contemplative Worship Team.