

—WORDS FOR COMMISSIONING OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS—

PARENTS: We appreciate your gifts of time and attention for our children and youth. As you guide them, you will be their role models. More than any formal lesson, our children will learn about who we are and what we believe by your treatment of them and each other. We thank you for your loving care.

CHILDREN & YOUTH: Thank you for being our teachers. We look forward to spending time with you, having fun with you, and learning with you. We ask that you to treat us kindly and with respect.

RE TEACHERS & YOUTH ADVISORS: We accept the responsibilities of working with our children and youth. We promise to bring our enthusiasm, talents, and energies to help them grow in wise and loving ways. We ask you for support in this endeavor. Be there when we need help. Listen when we need your ear. Include us in the life of our church community.

CONGREGATION: We acknowledge and honor the work of the RE teachers and advisors in our community. We know this work is important and is not something that can be done alone. We are all teachers and learners. We are here to support and help, each in our own way.

ALL: This is the beginning of a new year of learning. We are all part of this one community—children and adults alike. May we grow and be enriched by our time together.

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church Unitarian Universalist

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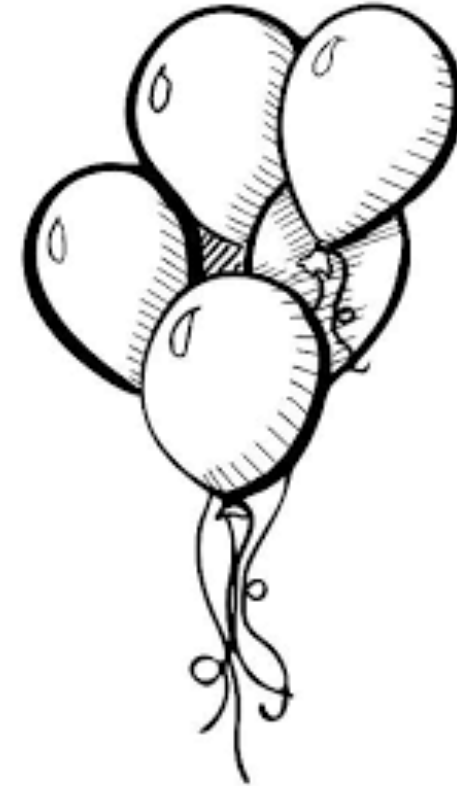
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Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 1 pm

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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Balloon Sunday

September 9, 2018
10:00 am



PREPARATION ...

SOUNDING THE CHIME

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

We light this chalice to celebrate Unitarian Universalism.
This is a church of open minds.
This is a church of helping hands.
This is a church of loving hearts.

PRELUDE

REAFFIRMING OUR COMMUNITY’S COVENANT

In order to create the beloved community we all desire for ourselves, we, the
Congregation of Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church 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.

ENTERING IN

HYMN #131, “Love Will Guide Us”

RECOGNIZING OUR CHILDREN’S WORSHIP GRADUATES

*Madalyn Benedict, Patrick Cassidy, Sarah Colbert, Brady Crisp, Tessa Darrin, Celia Deveaux,
Lena Deveaux, Grant Gastinger, Bryce Gill, Ollie Gill, Dylan Halbert, Hadon Hartung,
William Lehmann, Naomi McCleary, Amina Menfi, Preston Redick-Smith,
Sylvie Semmelback, Zoe Shutt, Sally Smith, Lilly Turner, Esme Williams,
Afton Van Hooser, & Leo Vasquez*

GOING DEEPER ...

REFLECTION

Rev. Alex McGee

HYMN #1009, “Meditation on Breathing”

PRAYER

RETURNING ...

OFFERTORY AND EXTENDING OUR COMMUNITY

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

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

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(words are on the back page of the Order of Service)

HYMN “We Will Not Rest”

We will not rest 'til the world is one
We will not rest 'til our work is done,
'Til the world is safe and free from fear;
We will not rest 'til peace is here

We will not rest 'till all children thrive
We will not rest 'till the weak survive
With ev'ry step we rise above
We will not rest 'til we learn to love.

RELEASING OUR HOPES, WISHES AND BALLOONS

HYMN OF GOING FORTH #118, “This Little Light of Mine”

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Ushers: Elizabeth Breeden and Maggie Ober

Thank you to our ushers, greeters, musicians, worship weavers,
sound system team and everyone here.

The altar was created by our Contemplative Worship Team.

