

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 is January 31. Sign-up at the Connections Table or contact Jean Newland at jeanneuland45@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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Desire to Build a Better World

February 21, 2016
9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

Our question this month: *What does it mean to be a people of desire?*

GATHERING IN FAITH ...

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,
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,
You have a place here.
All are welcome here.

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

May the light we now kindle inspire us to use our powers
to heal and not to harm, to help and not to hinder,
to bless and not to curse, to serve you, Spirit of freedom.
(from a Passover Haggadah)

PRELUDE

BEGINNING THE JOURNEY

OPENING WORDS

OPENING HYMN: #140, "Hail the Glorious Golden City"

FINDING THE CENTER ...

PRAYER – SPOKEN, SILENT AND EMBODIED

Feel free to remain in silence during this time or, if you wish, come to the front to light Candles of Hope & Remembrance and/or write in the Sands of Forgiveness & Atonement. This can also be a time to text, tweet, or IM someone if that enhances your experience of this sacred time and space. (#uusunday and #tjmccuu)

MEDITATION HYMN: #318, "We Would Be One"

REFLECTION:

RevWik

LIFTING OUR GAZE UPWARD AND OUTWARD ...

OFFERTORY AND EXTENDING OUR COMMUNITY

(Social Action Collection for Blue Ridge Abortion Assistance Fund)

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

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

SHARING OUR JOYS & SORROWS

GOING FORTH IN FAITH ...

HYMN OF GOING FORTH #1017, "We Are Not Our Own"

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE *and* PARTING WORDS

POSTLUDE



9:15 AM Ushers: Maggie Ober

11:15 AM Ushers: Elizabeth Breeden and Walter Hoffman

Altar decorations provided by Patty Wallens in celebration of Dream Quest 2016.

Thanks to Jeanine Braithwaite, Scott DeVeaux, Wik Wikstrom,
and each and every person here for facilitating this morning's worship.

Our Mission:

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church – Unitarian Universalist
is a church of the liberal tradition rooted in the heritage of Unitarian Universalism
and dedicated to the belief that in every individual there are extraordinary possibilities. • WE
ARE committed to the individual and collective pursuit of spiritual growth, social justice, and
life-long religious education and understanding. • WE FOSTER an open and free community in
which we share our gifts, care for one another, and honor our differences. • WE SEEK to have a
lasting influence on local, national and global programs
that promote equity and end oppression.