

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 April 24. 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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The Buddha on Desire

February 28, 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, 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

Candle, match, spark, air yearn for one another
Their desire makes this light possible.

PRELUDE

BEGINNING THE JOURNEY

OPENING WORDS

OPENING HYMN: #183, "The Winds of Change Forever Blown"

FINDING THE CENTER ...

PRAYER – SPOKEN, SILENT AND EMBODIED

MEDITATION HYMN: The TJMC choir will sing "Life's Sweet Refrain,"
(arr. Clif Hardin; text from a poem by Jan Elicker)

'Twas in the golden dawn of spring when the hills were bonny and green
When I heard a tune so lovely and clear, and my young heart sounded its truth.
Through days of promise and delight, that sprightly melody danced,
The song, at once both ancient and new, was my guide, the sage of my youth.

And as summer days grew fine and long and dear ones gathered around,
We came into the fullness of life, and we heard it clear and strong.

With lives entwined and rich with love, we shared the sweet refrain,
Our comfort at the long day's end, the sound of our life's song.

And when the autumn winds grow chill, we'll hear it softer and sweet.
As we gather round the cheerful hearth, together we will sing.
And though some day the winter winds will take me far away,
This song I pass along to you will live forever in spring.

The congregation will sing #324, "Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads"

REFLECTION:

RevWik

LIFTING OUR GAZE UPWARD AND OUTWARD ...

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.

SHARING OUR JOYS & SORROWS

GOING FORTH IN FAITH ...

HYMN OF GOING FORTH #312, "Here on the Paths of Every Day"

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE *and* PARTING WORDS

POSTLUDE



9:15 AM Ushers: Ann Salamini

11:15 AM Ushers: Dick Somer and Dan Grogan

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

Thanks to Scott DeVeaux, Arthur Rashap, James Smith, Wik Wikstrom,
and the TJMC Choir for facilitating this morning's worship.