



A Note to Our Visitors:

Welcome! Thank you for choosing to be with us today. Please join us for coffee and social time after the service. Wearing your name tag will allow us to greet you personally.

We are a Welcoming Congregation: People of all ages, races, colors, national origins, religions, genders, sexual orientation and socioeconomic status are welcome to be a part of our religious community as members or friends.

Ours is a unique religious community and visitors often have questions about our history, beliefs and programs. The following resources may be helpful:

- The visitor packet contains information on both our denomination and our local church.
- By filling out the Visitor Registration card, you will receive the *All Church E-mail* each week at the e-mail address provided. Visitors and members alike are invited to all our activities and programs.
- On the third Sunday of each month, lay leaders conduct a brief information forum after the service. This is an excellent opportunity to ask questions and meet other visitors.

Our Director of Religious Education and all of our welcoming team are available any time to answer your questions. You can reach us by phoning or emailing the church office.

Membership in our church is based on joining for a common purpose, rather than on acceptance of a common creed. We do not require adherence to a creed or dogma, but we do have commonly held principles that we affirm, promote and try to live. If you are in sympathy with these principles and purposes and are considering making a commitment to its ongoing life, you may be ready to join.

Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available from our logistics coordinator.

The Pickett Room, located inside the front doors, serves as a family room. Use the volume knob near the light switch to hear the service.

Unitarian Universalist Principles

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

Church Staff

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OUR CHURCH is supported by annual pledges from members and friends and by the contributions of visitors. We welcome your support. To discuss a bequest, trust, or other gift to the Endowment Fund, please contact the church office @205-945-8109.

Feel free to take this Order of Service home to share.
Otherwise, please deposit in the recycle baskets inside of the sanctuary.

Find us on Facebook, and online at www.uucbham.org.



Unitarian Universalist Church of Birmingham

A church that honors differences in belief

Our Vision

We are a welcoming and supportive community with open minds and loving hearts that provides spiritual nourishment, promotes free religious thought, and works for a more just world.

Our Mission

We promote the free exchange of ideas, while bridging differences
We foster personal, spiritual, and intellectual exploration
We care for one another and provide mutual support
We act for social justice and live our values in the broader community

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Unitarian Universalist Church of Birmingham

Sunday, August 6, 2017

Service: 10:30 a.m.

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| Ring the Chime | |
| Prelude | Happiness Op. 102, No. 5 by Felix Mendelssohn |
| Welcome & Announcements | |
| Chalice Lighting | Thirsty by Gregory Pelley |
| Opening Words | by Gabrielle Roth |
| *Hymn | Golden Breaks the Dawn #353 |
| Time For All Ages | Loaves and Fishes |
| Singing Children to Their Classrooms (Hymn #301) | |
| | <i>Touch the earth, reach the sky! Children ask the reasons why. In our lives the answers show, and by our love they learn and grow.</i> |
| | (Children & adults will sing together once. The second time the adults will sing as the children leave the sanctuary for their classes.) |
| Introduction of Search Committee | Dave Anderson Board President |
| Offertory Words | |
| Offertory Music | Mad Rush by Philip Glass |
| Circle of Lights & Meditation | |
| Hymn | To See the World #398 |
| Message | Does the Sun Rise? Thoughts on the Phenomenology of Time |
| *Hymn | The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time #350 |
| *Extinguishing the Chalice (In Unison) | |
| | Our time together is finished, but our work is not yet done: May our spirits be renewed and our purpose resolved As we meet the challenges of the week to come. The chalice flame is extinguished Until once again ignited by the strength of our communion. by Martha Kirby Capo |
| Closing Words | by Deepak Chopra |
| Postlude | Pebble Beach by Vince Guaraldi |

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Leading today's service:

Corey Shum – *Speaker*
Debra Burrell – *Service Leader*
Chip Williams – *Accompanist*
Ruth Vann Lillian – *Circle of Lights and Meditation*
Tommy Thompson – *Song Leader*
Melissa Hamley – *Time for All Ages*

Today's flowers are provided by Gerda Carmichael.

TODAY IS FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH- If you are a visitor today, please stay and be our guest. If you didn't bring a dish today to share, consider giving an offering to help defer the costs of kitchen supplies.

POETRY SERVICE - LAST CALL – Aug 13: All ages invited to read a favorite poem, original or not, in our special worship service. We'll also enjoy singing hymns based on poems. Contact Ruth Vann Lillian at ruthvl@bellsouth.net to sign up. Let's celebrate the gift and beauty of poetry!

POSTCARD HOUR - We're still meeting! Join us in the sanctuary on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, 9:15-10:15 am, or drop in briefly when you can. Bring your ideas and complaints for elected officials, and enjoy discussion with others. We provide the postcards and stamps! Please contact Sarah Moody if you have questions (moodyst@gmail.com, [205-310-0924](tel:205-310-0924)). Thanks to the Justice Committee for their support.

UWOMENSPIRIT FALL RETREAT – OCTOBER 11-15, 2017

UWomenspirit is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization that has hosted all-women retreats since 1987. Our retreats emphasize and celebrate the Divine Feminine in her many forms. Our next retreat will be held on October 11-15, 2017 at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center in Highlands, NC.

The theme for our fall event is *Rise Up Sisters: Embody HER Power!* During this event, we will explore our power as women through the stories and metaphors of the Divine Feminine from many cultures. Daily worship services will accompany offerings of different workshops that will explore themes of feminine power. Additional opportunities for self-exploration will include time in nature in the beauty of the fall colors of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and the opportunity to walk an outdoor labyrinth.

The brochure with detailed information about the workshops and other offerings will be available in late July or early August on our website, www.uuwomenspirit.org, and registration for the retreat will begin around August 16th. For more information about UWomenspirit and our upcoming and past events, please visit our website. Information about The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center can be found at www.themountainrlc.org.

HYMNALS ARE NOW kept in the book cart near the entrance to the sanctuary – Please return to cart when leaving the service. Thank you!

FROM THE CARING COMMITTEE

ITEMS IN THE CARING SECTION OF THE ORDER OF SERVICE WILL NOW BE FOUND IN THE BODY OF THE ALL CHURCH ENEWSLETTER.

To ALL our members: If you have an item you wish to share about a UUCB member, please contact Marcia Mancill – careshare@uucbham.org

ADULT ENRICHMENT OFFERINGS

Less is More: Declutter and Organize Your Way to Joy

Facilitator: Jill Jones

Time and Place: Sunday, August 6, 13 and 20.

Volker Room: noon – 1:30 pm

Description: We are conditioned and pressured to possess bigger, better, and more numerous things now more than ever--but is it really bringing joy into our lives or our children's lives? Come learn how to quickly and effectively declutter your living space, delve into minimalism, and simplify your life to uncover the joy you didn't know you were missing.

Ethical Controversies in Elder Health

Facilitator: Andy Duxbury, M.D. , Professor of UAB Geriatric Medicine

Time and Place: Wednesday evening, 7-8:30 pm. Aug. 9, in the Volker Room.

Description: Institutional care and living solutions

“CHAOS AND ORDER” Our new sanctuary art exhibit features seven artists: Kay Vinson, Diane Hathcock, Karen Jacobs, Mara Jambor, Judy Kirk, Sandy Tilt, and Mary Weir, whose artwork include abstracts, portraits, and nature scenes in a variety of media.

Opening reception will be Sunday, August 13 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the sanctuary. Please invite your family and friends to enjoy this interesting exhibit.

OUR CHURCH WEBSITE at www.uucbham.org has a new look. Please send feedback to web@uucbham.org.

CHOIR REHEARSALS begin Wednesday, August 9 at 7:30 pm.

Interested in singing with the UUCB Choir? Come to the first rehearsal, you can observe or join in.

Questions to Jim Sullivan(jamesbsullivan@gmail.com).