



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 by request from the Usher.

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

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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.

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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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Sunday, November 12, 2017

Ringing the Chime

Prelude Gymnopedie No. 1
by Erik Satie

Welcome & Announcements

Chalice Lighting
We hallow this time together by kindling the lamp of our heritage.
Albert Thelander

Opening Words
This is the mission of our faith: To teach the fragile art of hospitality; To revere both the critical mind and the generous heart; To prove that diversity need not mean divisiveness; And to witness to all that we must hold the whole world in our hands. William F. Schultz

*Hymn Faith of the Larger Liberty #287

Time for All Ages

Singing Children to Their Classrooms (Hymn #1010)

*Oh, we give thanks for this precious day,
For all gather' d here, and those far away;
For this time we share with love and care,
Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.*

(Children & adults will sing together once. The second time the adults will sing as the children leave the sanctuary for their classes.)

Reading (Responsive) A Network of Mutuality #584
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Pastoral Meditation

Offertory Words

Offertory Music The Cradle
by George Winston

Passing the Peace

Choir Somewhere
music by Leonard Bernstein, Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, arr. William Stickles

Message Rohingya Muslim Refugee Crisis in Burma/Myanmar

Hymn Once to every soul and nation #119

*Extinguishing the Chalice (In Unison)
We extinguish this chalice flame, daring to carry forward the vision of this free faith, that freedom, reason and justice will one day prevail in this nation and across the earth.
Maureen Killoran

Benediction

Postlude Fine
by Dustin O'Halloran

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Leading today's service:

Dr. Wakar Uddin – *Guest Speaker*

Rev. Ed Brock – *Interim Minister*

Bill Long – *Service Leader*

Jim Sullivan – *Choir Director*

Chip Williams – *Accompanist*

Tommy Thompson – *Song Leader*

Today's flowers are provided by Debra Burrell.

TODAY IS SHARE THE PLATE—Please make any checks to UUSC
(See Insert for details)

ADULT ENRICHMENT OFFERINGS

TRANSGENDER 101

Facilitators: Cortney Johnson

Time and Place: Today, 12-2 pm (you have time to go out and purchase a bagged lunch if you didn't bring one with you)

Description: Transgender 101-Come to this workshop to educate yourself on some of the frameworks and ideas that transgender people use to understand and describe themselves and their gender. We'll cover the basics of gender identity, how the T fits into the LGBTQ acronym, and some of the new and evolving language and terminology. Then we'll focus in on how we can be respectful and welcoming to this community of people and those who care about them.

NEW MOON ASTROLOGY GROUP

Facilitators: Tara Bawden and Leigh Shaffer

Time and Place: November 12 7-9 pm, Rm #122

Description: Each month, ahead of the meeting, we will read a short section of Jan Spiller's "New Moon Astrology: The Secret of Astrological Timing to Make All Your Dreams Come True". Group is open for drop-in participation.

SUUNDAY FORUUM

Contact people: Jim Albea and Janice Williams

Time and Place: Weekly, Sunday mornings from 9 to 10:30 am, Rm #122.

To participate: just show up, visitors and newcomers are welcome.

Description: For most sessions, participants will view a 30 minute video from a Learning Company series ("Great Courses") first, with discussion to follow.

MEDITATION GROUP

Contact person: Mary Williams

Time and Place: Sunday mornings from 9 - 10 am; Volker Room

Description: Silent meditation in the Thich Nhat Hahn Buddhist tradition occurs for the first 30 minutes, followed by reading and discussion.

FROM THE CARING COMMITTEE

CARE AND SHARE ARTICLES ARE FOUND IN THE BODY OF
THE ACE.

A SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY TASK FORCE will be meeting soon to develop a plan to serve the needs of families with kids with special needs. All parents of those families are invited to join, as well as those with expertise in this area, and those interested in receiving training to volunteer. Please contact Interim Director of Religious Education, Ruth Vann Lillian, for details.

The MidSomethings Group would like to invite members, friends, and new faces of the church to their monthly lunch and discussion to be held November 19, at **Your Pie**, located at 1831 28th Ave S, Homewood. This is an all ages event. Children are welcome too! Attendees will gather in the church foyer before heading over to the restaurant at 12pm. Contact the Mid-Somethings Group at midsomethings@uucbham.org with any questions.

NO REST for the QUEST: As stated in the All Church E-newsletter, the Survey Committee will conduct the Sunday Service on

November 26. We welcome questions/comments from the congregation.

On December 3, we will conduct a Survey discussion during 1st Sunday lunch. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the Sanctuary to let us know how many will be there.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES are available on the table in the narthex. Please pick on up and place with your directory at home.

FROM THE FLOWER COMMITTEE -Thank you to Priscilla Graven for the many Beautiful Flower arrangements she has provided over the years on the second Sunday of each month without fail. Priscilla is stepping back from this wonderful support ministry as she recovers from recent surgery. Thank you Priscilla and we look forward to your return to church as soon as you are able!

