



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, January 14, 2018

Ring the Chime

Prelude Prelude in F major
J.S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements
Share the Plate – Alabama Arise
Chalice Lighting

Opening Words (Responsive)
The truth is this: if here is no justice, there will be no peace.
If we cannot bring justice into the small circles of our individual lives, we cannot hope to bring justice to the world.
And if we do not bring justice to the world, none of us is safe and none of us will survive.
Nothing that we do is more important than making justice real – here, where we are.
All: Hard as diversity is, it is our most important task.

Rosemary Bray McNatt

*Hymn Lift Every Voice and Sing #149

Reading Excerpt from Martin Luther King Jr address delivered at the
National Conference on New Politics, August 31, 1967

Offertory Words

Offertory Music Prelude, Op. 13, No. 3
Alexander Scriabin

Meditative Reflection

Hymn Guide My Feet #34

Time for All Ages

Singing Children to Their Classrooms #188

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

Come, come who every you are, wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving. Our is a no caravan of despair. Come, yet again come.

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

Sermon A Celebration of the Life and Teaching of M.L. King, Jr

*Hymn We Shall Overcome #169

*Extinguishing the Chalice (In Unison)
We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.
Elizabeth Selle Jones

Benediction

Postlude Poem, Op. 11, No. 9
Alexander Scriabin

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Leading today's service:

Rev. Ed Brock – *Interim Minister*
Tan Turner Bell – *Service Leader*
Lucy DeSa – *Guest Accompanist*
Tommy Thompson – *Children's Choir Director & Song Leader*
Carmen Williams – *Children's Choir Accompanist*
Ruth Vann Lillian – *Time for All Ages*

Today's flowers are provided by Pricilla Graven.

TODAY IS SHARE THE PLATE – ALABAMA ARISE

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Birmingham has supported Alabama Arise from its inception over two decades ago. This is an Interfaith organization which works on behalf of Alabama citizens who do not have adequate income, shares the same values as the UU church and over the years many UU's have served on Alabama Arise staff.

Alabama Arise is focused on advocacy and systemic reform to reduce poverty, and maintains a presence in Montgomery, AL to lobby the legislature, and to draft reform legislation. They continue moving forward to make further changes.

Stan Johnson, a UUCB member and representative of Alabama Arise will share current information today. Please help with your financial support today. Checks should be written to Alabama Arise. All undesignated cash contributed today will be donated to Alabama Arise.

JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING TODAY – 11:15 am, Volker Room, lower level. All are welcome!

ADULT ENRICHMENT OFFERINGS TODAY

- ◆ Meditation Group – 9 am, Room #103, lower level
- ◆ SUUnday ForUUm – 11:15 am, Room #122, lower level
- ◆ The Poisonwood Bible – 11:15 am, 1/14-2/18- Music Room, lower level

Please take the time to review all of the Adult Enrichment Offerings listed in the booklet located on the round table in the Narthex or on our website at www.uucbham.org.

TODAY'S READING:

Excerpt from Martin Luther King Jr address delivered at the National Conference on New Politics, August 31, 1967:

"...issues of Civil Rights cannot be separated from the issues of peace...Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere and I have fought too long and too hard against segregated public accommodations to end up at this point in my life, segregating my moral concerns. So let us stand ...knowing that on some positions; cowardice asks the questions, is it safe; expediency asks the question, is it politic; vanity ask the question, is it popular, but conscious asks the question, is it right. And on some positions, it is necessary for the moral individual to take a stand that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular; but he must do what is right. And we say to our nation tonight, we say to our Government, we even say to our FBI, We will not be harassed, we will not make a butchery of our conscious, we will not be intimidated, And We Will Be Heard."

FROM THE CARING COMMITTEE

Look for the Care and Share information in the body of the All Church E-newsletter.

FROM THE REFUGEE INTEREST GROUP

Thanks to all who contributed donations of clothing, bedding, and other items for the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. The items are being sent via shipping container by the "Helping Hand for Relief and Development" organization based in Atlanta. Your generosity will make a BIG difference, and thank you again!

PLEASE ENJOY CAKE TODAY AFTER THE SERVICE IN HONOR of David Baker celebrating his 86th birthday and all January birthdays! Cake is provided by David's wife, Lois Gaeta. All are welcome!

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP.

Following the "Time for All Ages" the children will go downstairs for Activity Time including games, songs, playground, and snacks. Religious Education classes for all ages begin at 11:15 am. Please sign in your children on the clipboards at the R.E. table near the front door. Parents are encouraged and welcome to attend open meetings or adult enrichment classes during the R.E. hour, or to gather for conversation and coffee in the narthex.

GBM'S TRADING PLACES: A POVERTY SIMULATION

An interactive experience aimed at helping the community more fully understand the experience of poverty.

Sat, January 20, 2018, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM CST
Shades Valley Presbyterian Church, 2305 Montevallo Road, Birmingham, AL 35223

To register for this free event, go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trading-places-a-poverty-simulation-tickets-41232136430?aff=ebdsorderfbrightbox>