



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, February 11, 2018

Ring the Chime	
Prelude	Raising the Sail by Philip Glass
Welcome & Announcements	
Chalice Lighting	by Marjorie Montgomery
Opening Words	We Are All Longing by Starhawk
*Hymn	Morning Has Broken #38
Offertory Words	
Offertory Music	Nocturne in B-Flat Major by John Field
Pass the Peace	
Choir Anthem	The Gift To Be Simple traditional Shaker tune, arranged by Bob Chilcott
Candle Lighting and Meditation	
Time for All Ages	
Singing Children to Their Classrooms	#188 Come, Come, Whoever You Are <i>Come, come who every you are, wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving. Our is a no caravan of despair. Come, yet again come.</i> (Children & adults will sing together once. The second time the adults will sing as the children leave the sanctuary for their classes.)
Sermon	The Ingredients of a Healthy Church
*Hymn	Lift Every Voice and Sing #149
*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	
Closing Words	Why Community? Why community? To remember... <i>That one is not a whole number</i> That we need both roots and wings, That strength come from relationship and mutuality, That we know life through and with one another. By Pamela Rumancik
Postlude	"Photograph" from Her by Arcade Fire <i>*Please rise in body or in spirit</i>

Leading today's service:

Rev. Ed Brock, Interim Minister – *Speaker*
Leigh Shaffer – *Service Leader*
Jim Sullivan – *Choir Director*
Chip Williams – *Accompanist*
Tommy Thompson – *Song Leader*
Ruth Vann Lillian – *Candle Lighting and Meditation*
Heather Hunter – *Time For All Ages*

Today's flowers are provided by Pricilla Graven.

ADULT ENRICHMENT OFFERINGS TODAY

- ◆ Meditation Group – 9 am, Room #103, lower level
- ◆ SUUday ForUUm – 11:15 am, Room #122, lower level
- ◆ Poisonwood Bible – 11:15 am, Music Room, lower level
- ◆ Meeting Challenges to Deliver Educational Materials in Areas with Poor Connectivity in Zambia and Ethiopia – 11:15 am, Sanctuary

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.

MEETING TODAY – Justice Committee - 11:15 am, Volker Room, lower level. All are welcome to attend.

MUUSICSHARE meets in the sanctuary this Tuesday, Feb. 13, 6:30-8:30 pm. We're an informal group of singers and guitarists who enjoy familiar folk songs. All are welcome!

UU101- MEMBERSHIP CLASSES SCHEDULED

Time and Place: 11:15 am on Sundays, March 4 in the Volker Room (Lower level) and March 11 in the Sanctuary.

Description: What do we believe in? This is a good time to get to know other UU'S and ask questions. After taking the classes, if you would like to join, you will be welcomed into the congregation on March 18 during the service. Join us and others who are searching for community and purpose. Contact: Linda Corliss, lindaba945@aol.com or 401-2655 (A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the Sanctuary if you prefer to sign up there)

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY GROUPS are forming. Date and times will be determined by the group. Feel free to gather particular folks you would like to be in a covenant with, or just sign up and meet new folks. We will need two of the group members to step up and co-lead. Training will be provided. You can find more info about SGM on our UUCB website or in the Spring Offerings booklet. Contact Kim Spidell or Leigh Shaffer if interested.

THE MIDSOMETHINGS GROUP would like to welcome all members, friends of the church, and new faces to join us for lunch and discussion at Jim n Nicks in Homewood on Sunday, February 18 after service. We will gather in the foyer immediately following service and then head over to the restaurant. Children are welcome! The address is 220 Oxmoor Rd. Feel free to bring ideas for our next fun group outing the second weekend of March. We look forward to getting to know you!

FROM THE CARING COMMITTEE

In recognition of our New Members who, as of February 12, have been with us for one year: Mary Aparo, Ginger Campbell, Randi Carter, Martha Chitwood, Wynne Dimock, Erin Dorman, Beth Garrard, Jill Jones, Ashley and Jeremy Keller, Kylie Kerr, Michael Lebeau, Mary McKenzie, Larry Myers, Mike and Jess Searcy. Happy Anniversary and thank you for being a part of the UUCB family!

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

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.

The **MEN'S GROUP IS RETURNING TO UUCB** after a 10 year hiatus and all men in the congregation, members, friends and visitors, are invited to join for discussion on Sunday, February 25, after the worship service in the Pickett Room. We will gather for social discussion, snacks, and planning of activities ie. Brunches, hikes, and a men's weekend retreat. All fellows interested in attending, see Gil Dacumos, an usher, after the February 11 service or send an email to gcdacs@pacbell.net. Or either call or text him at (510) 388-2304. If demand requires a larger room, the new location will be announced in the Order of Service and All-Church Email on Sunday, February 25.

ONTOPIC Presents: Held Hostage, The Sis and Jerry Levin Story. Sunday, February 18, 6 pm in the UUCB Sanctuary. Look for the posters with full details on the round table in the narthex.