



## 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

### Church Staff

Interim Minister - Rev. Edward Brock	minister@uucbham.org
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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](http://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, March 11, 2018**

Ring the Chime

Prelude March "Song of the Lark," Op. 37b No. 3  
by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Welcome & Announcements  
Share the Plate—Urban Kids

Chalice Lighting by Peter Lee Scott

Opening Words by Penny Hackett-Evans

Stewardship Spotlight

\*Hymn Gather the Spirit #347

Offertory Words

Offertory Music Etude No. 3  
by Philip Glass

Small Group Member Sharing  
Mary Williams, Leigh Shaffer, Gil Dacumos

Candle Lighting and Meditation

Pass the Peace

Choir Anthem "Bonse Aba"  
Traditional Zambian folk song, arr. Victor C. Johnson  
translation: "All who sing with the spirit have a right to be called the children of God."

Time for All Ages Family Small Groups—Melissa Hamley

Singing Children to Their Classrooms #188  
Come, Come, Whoever You Are  
*Come, come who every you are, wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.  
Our is 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.)

Homily Getting Ready For Your Future

\*Hymn For All That is Our Life #128

\*Extinguishing the Chalice (In unison)  
We extinguish this flame, and we remember the warmth of our community, the light of our wisdom, the generosity of our sharing. We keep these in our heart until we meet again.

Closing Words by Barbara Hamilton-Holway

Postlude Morning Song Op. 62, No. 4  
by Felix Mendelssohn  
*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

Leading today's service:

Rev. Ed Brock — *Interim Minister*  
Leigh Shaffer — *Service Leader*  
Jim Sullivan — *Choir Director*  
Chip Williams — *Accompanist*  
Ruth Vann Lillian — *Candle Lighting and Meditation*

*Today's flowers are provided by Pricilla Graven.*

**TODAY'S SHARE-THE-PLATE WILL BENEFIT URBAN KIDS.**

This program provides effective and much needed after-school and summer programs for school children in the West End community of Birmingham. Besides giving them a safe space close to their school, Urban Kids offers academic tutoring, creative group activities and feeds the children as part of their Healthy Eating initiative. Wanda Larosiliere, the program director, will be with us to share more details as a brief introduction to the Share-the-Plate.

Please make your donation check payable to Urban Kids.

All cash in the offering plate will also go to Urban Kids.

**ADULT ENRICHMENT OFFERINGS TODAY**

- ◆ Meditation Group - 9 am, Room #103, lower level
- ◆ SUUday ForUUm - 11:15 am, Room #122, lower level
- ◆ Reincarnation and Past Lives -11:15 am Pickett Room

**MEETINGS TODAY**

- Nominating Committee — 11:45 am — Minister's Office
- Adult Enrichment Committee — 11:45 am — Library, Lower Level
- UU101 Membership Class — 11:15 am — Sanctuary
- Stewardship Meeting — 11:15 am — Grady Nunn Library, Lower Level
- Justice Committee Meeting — 11:15 am — Volker Room, Lower Level

**UPCOMING ADULT ENRICHMENT OFFERINGS**

**Ways of Thinking About Spirituality**

Facilitator: Rev. Ed Brock

Sunday, March 18, 11:15-12:15 pm, Music Room, lower level

Description: An overview of how major religious traditions have understood spirituality.

**Humanist Unitarians of Birmingham**

This new group will be meeting on a Sunday monthly starting on March 18 at 11:15 am in the Volker Room, Lower Level. Inspired by the new book *Humanist Voices in Unitarian Universalism* we will be exploring the Humanist traditions within the UU. We also have a new Facebook Group at [humanistUUB@groups.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/groups/humanistUUB), which we hope will attract humanists to UUCB who might otherwise be unaware of these traditions. For more information contact Ginger Campbell at [gincampbell@mac.com](mailto:gincampbell@mac.com).

**UPDATED FINANCIAL REPORTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW**

Monthly reports will be posted to the Bulletin board to the right of the kitchen.

**FROM THE CARING COMMITTEE**

Celebrating our members and their years with UUCB: Gerda Carmichael - 42 years, Bob and Barbara Koehler - 28, Elisa Aboatiyeh - 21, Darryl Hunt - 15, Sue and Gerry Garrick, Mary and Dick Segreto, Anne Bloomer, J.K. Turnipseed - 11, and Chuck Turnbough - 9 years. Thank you for the many ways you contribute to our church family!

- Gratitude to all those who are organizing events for our Stewardship Drive, and to the fearless Co-Chairs Angela Pruitt and Bob Bradley!
- We join in the joy over our soon-to-be published church history and in the admiration of our nation's young people as they speak and march on behalf of gun control.

To ALL our members: If you have an item you wish to share about a UUCB member, please contact Marcia Mancill — [caring@uucbham.org](mailto:caring@uucbham.org)

**MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE**, Birmingham Chapter Monthly Meeting, March 11, 2018. 2:00 - 4:00 pm. UUCB Sanctuary. All are welcome; motherhood is not required.

**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.

**UNCLAIMED ELECTRIC GUITAR IN MUSIC OFFICE**

An electric guitar was left in the music office many months ago, and we don't know who the owner is. If it belongs to you, please write Debra Burrell at [music@uucbham.org](mailto:music@uucbham.org) and claim the guitar by March 31. Otherwise it will be sold, with proceeds going to the music committee's restricted fund.

**CONGRADULATIONS REV. ED BROCK!**

Rev. Ed's first book was released this month and can be found on Amazon.com.

[Optimal Relationships: A Path Toward A More Civil Society](#)

