



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.

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, May 13, 2018

Ring the Chime

Prelude

Sun Song
by David Lanz

Welcome & Announcements

Chalice Lighting

Mother's Day
by Claudene (Deane) Oliva

Opening Words

by Tony and Tan Bell

*Hymn

I Seek the Spirit of a Child #338

Pass the Peace

Choir Anthem

(S)He Gives Me Joy
by Reba Rambo, arr. by Tom Fettke

Child Dedication

(As parents bring their children forward, each child will be named and all will join in the printed response. Rev. Ed will bless each child with water, and Ruth will present the parents with a rose. The thorns have been removed from the flowers to symbolize our commitment to provide a safe environment in which the children may grow and learn.)

Ruth: (name), we welcome you among us.

All: We give thanks for your life, and for the new hope you bring.

Rev. Ed: With water we bless you, for it is the symbol of purity and life. We will appreciate your uniqueness; we will teach you and learn from you; we will love you and respect you.

Ruth: With this flower we bless you for it is the symbol of unfolding life and love. We will appreciate your uniqueness; we will teach you and learn from you; we will love you and respect you.

After the blessings:

Congregation: We will delight in your accomplishments, we will share in your sorrows, we will encourage you in every way as you grow into adulthood. And whatever may come to you, we promise never to close our hearts against you.

Parents: We, your parents, dedicate ourselves to do all that we can to provide you with roots so that you may feel safe and wings so that you may fly. We will strive to share with you the beauty and the goodness of life.

All: We will support you and your family through all the experiences of life.

A Hopeful Declaration (In Unison)

from *Give Us the Spirit of the Child* by Sara Moores Campbell

Give us the spirit of the child. Give us the child who lives within: the child who trusts, the child who imagines, the child who sings, the child who receives without reservation, the child who gives without judgment. Give us a child's eyes, that we may receive the beauty and freshness of this day like a sunrise; give us a child's ears, that we may hear the music of mythical times; give us a child's heart, that we may be filled with wonder and delight; give us a child's faith, that we may be cured of our cynicism; give us the spirit of the child, who is not afraid to need; who is not afraid to love.

Singing the Children Downstairs

#212

We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle

We are dancing Sarah's circle (3x)

Siblings, kindred, all.

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

Share the Plate

Pathways Ministry

Offertory Words

Offertory Music

A Day to Remember
by Vanessa James

Sermon

The Loneliness Epidemic

*Hymn

Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky! #301

*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.

by Elizabeth Selle Jones

Closing Words

by Tan Bell

Postlude

Simple Gifts
Traditional, Arr. Jason Tonioli

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Leading today's service:

Rev. Ed Brock – *Interim Minister*

Ruth Vann Lillian – *Interim Dir. of Religious Education*

Tony and Tan Bell – *Service Leaders*

Jim Sullivan – *Choir Director*

Chip Williams – *Accompanist*

Today's flowers are provided by Debra Burrell.

CARING COMMITTEE

Celebrating our Members and their years with UUCB: June Conerly - 38 years, Fern Tomisek - 35, Tim Day - 18 years, Chuck Jeffries - 12. Alice Lizee - 10, and Mike Jablonsky - 7 years.

It is good to have you among us!

- Our wonderful friend and the UUCB Children's Choir director, Tommy Thompson, passed away on April 28. We mourn his loss and are keeping his husband, Andy Duxbury, in our thoughts. More on plans to celebrate Tommy's life will be posted both on Andy's Facebook page and in the All Church Emails.
- Lee Weldon will have surgery in several months due to additional cancer being found in a lymph node. Keep him in your thoughts and consider sending him a note of encouragement. Lee's address is 2909 Highland Ave S #708, B'ham AL 35205
- A sincere embrace of gratitude to every wonderful UU member who quietly and efficiently does something to help out our fellow members and friends. You keep our hearts full of love!

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

ADULT ENRICHMENT OFFERINGS EACH SUNDAY

- ♦ Meditation Group – 9 am, Room #103, lower level
- ♦ SUUday ForUUm – 9 am, Room #122, lower level

CHILDREN BEING PRESENTED TODAY

Alaina Elise Jones

Ciana Aurora King

Corinne Cassiopeia King

Jackie Ray Lovell

Chloe Violet Vineyard McClurg

Clara Kahlo Vineyard McClurg

Noa Jane Nicholson-Morgan

Cecilia Wren Salvant

Eva Magnolia Salvant

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.

UPDATED FINANCIAL REPORTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

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