



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.

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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, July 8, 2018

Ring the Chime

Prelude French Suite No. 6: Allemande
by J.S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements
Share the Plate— Magic City Acceptance Center

Chalice Lighting by Dag Hammarskjold

Opening Words Grace Meets Us Where We Are
by Gretchen Haley

*Hymn We Would Be One #318

Offertory Words

Offertory Music Christofori's Dream
by David Lanz

Passing the Peace

Hymn 'Tis A Gift To Be Simple #16

Candle Lighting and Meditation

Time For All Ages

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.)

Message Identity Politics without the Politics

*Hymn Just As Long As I Have Breath #6

*Extinguishing the Chalice (In unison)

When we take fire from our chalice, it does not become less. It becomes more, And so we extinguish our chalice, but we take its light and warmth with us, multiplying their power by all of our lives, and sharing it with the world.
Amy Zucker Morgenstern

Closing Words The Hand In Yours
by Erika A. Hewitt

Postlude Ashokan Farewell
by Jay Ungar, Debra Burrell, and David Freeman, guitar

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Leading today's service:

Marilyn Kurata—*Guest Speaker*

Mary Ann Plant—*Service Leader*

Mary Elisa Wagner—*Guest Pianist*

Lida Hill—*Song Leader*

Heather Hunter—*Time for All Ages*

Today's flowers are provided by Melanie Geer.

TODAY'S SHARE THE PLATE—Magic City Acceptance Center
Amanda Benton, Director, will speak about the programming at Magic City Acceptance Center.

ADULT ENRICHMENT OFFERINGS EACH SUNDAY

- ◆ Meditation Group - 9 am, Room #103, lower level
- ◆ SUUnday ForUUm - 9 am, Room #122, lower level

MEETINGS TODAY—Justice Committee—11:15 am—Grady Nunn Library, lower level (All are welcome)

ADULT ENRICHMENT SUMMER OFFERINGS

Field trip to Samford Planetarium

Facilitator: Samantha Lalak

Time and Place: Thursday, July 19; meet at 7 pm, Samford University Planetarium

Description: Come and join some fellow UUs and friends to attend Alabama Summer Skies, a free program at Christenberry Planetarium, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive. Show begins at 8 pm, but meet at 7 pm since seating is first come, first served.

Book Discussion: The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer
by Siddhartha Mukherjee
(2011 Pulitzer Prize winner for General Nonfiction)

Facilitator: Marion Fintel

Time and Place: July 22, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Volker Room

Description: All of us have been affected by cancer either personally or through close friends or relatives. Cancer researcher and physician Siddhartha Mukherjee has written an engaging history of the understanding and treatment of cancer from ancient times until the present. Mukherjee's explanations of the underlying cancer biology are easily understood by the lay reader, who will gain an enhanced understanding of the significant dynamics among scientists, physicians, patients, and patient family members. Even those who have not read the book will gain a more informed understanding of the disease that affects every family through this opportunity to learn about the book's main points and the personal insights of those attendees who wish to share their experiences.

THE UU HUMANIST GROUP meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 11:15 am in the Volker Room, lower level. Our goal is to explore and nurture the Humanist roots of our UU tradition. It is open to anyone interested in learning more about Humanism."

CARING COMMITTEE

Celebrating our members and their years with UUCB: Teri Wright - 25 years, Anthony and Melissa Hamley - 14. We are grateful for your presence among us and your contributions to the church!

- Happy July Birthday to our UUCB Historian Extraordinaire Jeanne Weaver!
- We are happy to stand with every UUCB member and friend who chooses to be on the side of love!
- Our gratitude to Reverend Ed Brock for giving us messages to live by, caring from the heart we could always count on, and thoughtful guidance for the past two years. We appreciate you and will miss you so much!

To ALL our members: If you have an item you wish to share about a UUCB member, please contact Marcia Mancill—caring@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 ages 5-12 yrs runs from 11:15 to 11:45 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.

HAVE YOU BEEN VISITING UUCB?

Do you want to know more about Unitarian Universalism? Are you considering becoming a friend or member of our congregation? If you answered "yes" to either question, we have just the place for you in the upcoming UU101 class! If you are interested in the UU church and would like to know more about who we are, please join us for our August UU101 classes in the back of the Sanctuary. We will meet after church on August 12 & 19, 2018 from 11:20 am - 1:20 pm. We will have snacks to eat. You will meet Reverend Julie Conrady and other church leaders as you explore what it means to be a UU. All attendees will have the opportunity to join our congregation on Sunday, August 26. **There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary with purple ribbon.**