



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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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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Unitarian Universalist Church of Birmingham
Sunday, August 5, 2018

Ringling the Chime	
Welcome	
Announcements	
Prelude	Idyll Op. 39 No. 7 by Edward MacDowell
Lighting the Chalice	by Debra Faulk
*Opening Words	by Kathy Huff
*Hymn	My Life Flows On in Endless Song #108
Offertory	No Cars Go by Arcade Fire, Arr. Maxence Cyrin
Meditation Moments	
Meditation Hymn	Spirit of Life #123
Time For All Ages	
Singing the Children Downstairs	#212 <i>We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle</i> 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.)
Sermon	Using Conflict Resolution to Resolve Conflicts
*Hymn	With Heart and Mind #300
*Extinguishing the Chalice	by Maureen Killoran
Worship Associate: This is the message of our faith Congregation (left): To act with passion in the face of injustice Congregation (right): To love with courage in the midst of life's pain Worship Associate: This is the meaning of our chalice flame All: May it empower our hearts until we are together again	
Benediction	by Jean M. Rowe
Postlude	Ridin' West by Jon Schmidt
Ringling the Chime	<i>*Please rise in body or in spirit</i>

Leading today's service:

Charles Turner – *Guest Speaker*
Leigh Shaffer – *Worship Associate*
Chip Williams – *Pianist*
Angela Pruitt – *Song Leader*
Heather Hunter – *Time for All Ages*

Today's flowers are provided by Gerda Carmichael.

TODAY IS FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH

If you are a visitor today, please stay and be our guest. If you didn't bring a dish to share today, consider giving an offering to help defer the costs of kitchen supplies.

MEETING TODAY

RE (Religious Education) Parents Meeting – 11:30 am – Volker Room

ADULT ENRICHMENT OFFERINGS

UUCB and the UUWorld

Facilitator: Alyssa Zasada

Time and Place: 2nd Sunday for four months (Aug 12, Sept 9, Oct 14, Nov 11), 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Pickett Room

Description: This monthly forum provides the opportunity for an informal discussion of 1-3 articles published in the magazine of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Articles may be proposed by the facilitator or by participants and will be announced in advance in the All Church Email. Visitors and newcomers are welcome. Articles will be reviewed at the beginning of the session, so prior reading is not required. Each session is independent so come whenever you can. *The August 12 discussion will be on "Coffee Hour Central" and "The Real UU Superpower."*

KNITTING/CROCHETING AND HANDWORKS HOUR

Beginning next Sunday, August 12 and continuing the second and fourth Sunday's of each month, Anyone interested in participating should come to the DRE office directly after the service has ended.

Facilitated by Elisa G. Aboatiyeh

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM?

If you are interested in the UU church and would like to know more about who we are, please join us for our August UU 101 classes. We will meet after church on **August 12 and 19, 2017** from 11:20 am - 1:20 pm in Sanctuary. If you want to join, you can sign the book on August 26. Please note that we will have snacks for the class and if you tell us, provide childcare. Contact us at membership@uucbham.org to let us know you are coming, or you can simply sign-up using the sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary. Look for the sheet with a purple ribbon.

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. Please sign in your children on the clipboards at the R.E. table near the front door, and pick up your children at the end of the service in the classrooms before lunch is served.

CARING COMMITTEE

Celebrating our members and their years with UUCB:

John Powell - 29 years, John and Tara Bawden - 9, Lyn Stafford- 7, and Becky Lower - 5 years.

It is a joy to have you among us, and we are grateful for the gifts you've shared with us all.

- Gratitude to two more of our unsung heroes, Mitch Bolton and David Freeman. We appreciate your help in keeping UUCB flowing along!
- A very warm welcome to Reverend Julie Conrady and her family as they settle in to their new home in the Birmingham area.

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

NEXT SUNDAY THE 12TH - NEW BEGINNINGS!

Greetings to all: members, friends, staff, and visitors of UUCB.

I am so excited finally to be physically present with you! I am acclimating to our ministry together this week as I meet with folks and committees as we begin this journey together. *If you would like to meet with me, please schedule a time using the website calendly.com/revjulie or by contacting the Church Administrator, Jennie Moffitt at uucbham.org or 945-8109.* I look forward to learning more about each of you and growing together as a community.

August 12 marks the official beginning of our worship season together. I will be preaching, our children will be present for the entire service, our choir will lead us in song, and we will celebrate Water Communion together. *Please bring an ounce or so of water – from your travels, your home, elsewhere – for this special UU service.*

We will also mark the beginning of the school year by blessing the backpacks and bags of our students (of all ages!), teachers, professors, and other school employees. *If you identify in one of these ways, please bring your bag to be blessed.*

Interested friends and visitors looking to join the church will have an opportunity *next Sunday the 12th at 11:20* to meet with me and other church leaders and learn more about our congregation. We will meet in the Sanctuary after the service.

The following Sunday, August 19, we will recognize our RE teachers and celebrate as our children and youth begin their religious education for the year.

So thrilled to be here for this exciting time at UUCB!

Much love and hope for our time together, Rev. Julie