



## 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

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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, September 9, 2018

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

Ring the Chime	(Our service begins and ends with the chime.)
Welcome	
Announcements	Share the Plate—Adelante Alabama Worker Center
Prelude	Morning Song Op. 62, No. 4 by Felix Mendelssohn
Lighting the Chalice	by John Traversa
*Opening Words	We are Unitarian Universalists by John M Higgins
*Hymn	Once to Every Soul and Nation #119
Offertory	
Offertory Music	Etude No. 17 by Philip Glass
Anthem	Do Not Leave Your Cares at the Door words adapted from Norman V. Naylor, music by Elizabeth Alexander
Meditation Moments	
*Meditation Hymn	Wake, Now, My Senses #298
Time For All Ages	
Singing Children to Their Classrooms	Go Now In Peace Go now in peace. Go in quiet wisdom. Go forth into the world with kindness and love. (Children & adults will sing together once. The second time the adults will sing as the children leave the sanctuary for their classes.)
Meditation	#488 by Langston Hughes
Sermon	Finding Reason In An Unreasonable World
*Hymn	With Joy We Claim the Growing Light #348
*Extinguishing the Chalice	by Maureen Killoran Worship Associate: This is the message of our faith <b>Congregation (left):</b> To act with passion in the face of injustice <b>Congregation (right):</b> To love with courage in the midst of life's pain Worship Associate: This is the meaning of our chalice flame <b>All:</b> May it empower our hearts until we are together again
*Closing Words	

Postlude September (The Hunt) Op. 37a, No. 9  
by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Ring the Chime

Participating in today's service:

John Archibald—*Guest Speaker*  
Patti Steelman—*Worship Associate*  
Chip Williams—*Accompanist*  
Bawden Family—*Chalice Lighter*  
Andrew Duxbury—*Offertory*  
Trey Tarrant—*Time for All Ages*

*Today's flowers are provided by Debra Burrell.*

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### MEETING TODAY—

Justice Committee—11:30 am—Grady Nunn Library, Lower level  
Knitting Group—11:30 am—DRE Office  
RE Parents Group—11:30 am Room #122, Lower level (Listening Tour by Barbara and Bob Koehler)

### UPCOMING ADULT ENRICHMENT OFFERINGS—

#### UUCB and the UUWorld

Facilitator: Alyssa Zasada  
Time and Place: **Today, 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. Today's discussion will be on "Our Shared Faith" by the Commission on Appraisal (Winter 2005).

#### PaperWorks Local Gallery Talk

Facilitator: Barbara Koehler  
Time and Place: **Today, 1 pm**, Church sanctuary

#### An Intro to Beekeeping

Facilitator: Paul Mancill, producer of Bluff Park Honey  
Time and Place: **Sat. Sept 15, 9 am – 12 noon**, Grady Nunn Library  
Description: This course will include discussion of the equipment, costs, and work involved in private beekeeping.

#### Gun Control and the Second Amendment

Facilitator: Darryl Hunt  
Time and Place: Sept. 16, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, Volker Room (lower level)  
Description: With so much gun violence affecting us on a daily basis, what's keeping us from having effective gun control? Does the Second Amendment really bar any form of gun control or is that just what we are told by powerful Washington lobbies? Does a person have an absolute right to own any type of gun they want, regardless of their mental state? Please join us for this lively discussion refereed by Darryl Hunt (a follow up to his presentation last year on the Constitution)

#### DURING REV. JULIE'S MATERNITY LEAVE, PLEASE NOTE:

- If you have or know of a **pastoral care concern or need**, please contact the church office or the Care and Share Committee.
- If you have a matter relating to **church business**, please contact the Board President, Leigh Shaffer, at [president@uucbham.org](mailto:president@uucbham.org).
- The minister email and minister voicemail will **not** be monitored until Rev. Julie's return, so please use the above contacts for any needs.

### CARING COMMITTEE

- Welcome to Ezio (*Eht-zio*) Leonard Logan Flores, who was born 9/6/18. Congratulations to the Flores/Conrady family. Rev Julie and baby are both well and all are happy for his safe arrival.
- Cheers to the Transition Team, which is in place to ensure our new minister, Reverend Julie Conrady, has a smooth transition as she becomes UUCB's settled minister. They will meet with Reverend Julie on a regular basis to determine her needs and to evaluate church ministries going forward. The team consists of six members. Three are from the Search Committee: Anthony Hamley, Cortney Johnson, and Patti Steelman. The other three were appointed by the Board: Dave Anderson, Misty Bennett, and Courtney Echols.
- Gratitude to Jim Albea for heading up and organizing the UUrban Farm Stand for the past several Sunday mornings. The Stand offers fresh grown produce from our members and friends and will continue periodically during the growing season. The Farm Stand has brought in hundreds of dollars for the church!

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)

### News from Lynda Wilson, UUCB Envoy from the Unitarian Universalist-United Nations Office (UU-UNO)

As your envoy to the UU-UNO, I am charged with bringing you news from the UU-UNO, and also helping to organize a United Nations Sunday Service. Plans are underway for that service to be held on October 21, and we will also be giving boxes to the children to Trick or Treat for UNICEF again this year. One of the priority areas for the UU-UNO is addressing the global refugee crisis, and they have shared the following news item this week, and asked that I share it with our congregation:

*The United Nations approved the final text of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration on July 13, 2018. It articulates a set of ten guiding principles including establishing that the Global Compact is people-centered, rooted in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, prioritizes human rights, is gender-responsive, and child-sensitive. The Unitarian Universalist UN Office worked alongside partners at the UN to ensure that the global compact addresses human rights for all, including those who are uprooted by the changing climate. Whether or not our government officially signs onto this Global Compact, UUs can use it to put pressure on elected representatives, local businesses, and other leaders to ensure that the guidelines are being followed that have been recognized by the United Nations for how migrants must be treated at every stage of their journeys, whether they have the legal protection of refugees or not."*

### 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. are from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm. 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.

**MANY THANKS** to Chuck Turnbough and John Powell for our new hymnals! Eighty hymnals are on their way, along with a new cart from the decorating committee to hold them. Be sure to thank John and Chuck next time you sing a hymn.