



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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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, October 7, 2018

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Ringling the Chime (Our service begins and ends with the chime.)

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude Little Prelude in D major
Bach

Lighting the Chalice

*Opening Words Marjorie Montgomery #452
(Singing the Living Tradition)

*Hymn For the Beauty of the Earth #21

Offertory Charmaine
arr. George Shearling

Offertory Music

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.)

Sermon Camping, Sand, Family & Sabbath

*Hymn When the Spirit Says Do #1024

*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

Postlude Will O' the Wisp
George Kiorpes

Ringling the Chime

Participating in today's service:

Mandy Goheen – *Guest Speaker*

Emily Johnson – *Worship Associate*

Lucy DeSa – *Guest Accompanist*

Liam Malone and Mary Elisa Wagner – *Chalice Lighters*

Mary Ann Plant – *Offertory*

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 today to share, consider giving an offering to help defer the costs of kitchen supplies.

UPCOMING ADULT ENRICHMENT OFFERING

Book Discussion: The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

Facilitator: Anthony Hamley

Time and Place: 2 Sundays, 10/14, and 10/21, Grady Nunn Library, Lower Level, beginning after Sunday service

We live in troubling times when it has become commonplace for Americans at all levels of society to demonize whomever they perceive as "other." White supremacy is so endemic that even UUs have wrestled with it at the highest levels of our denomination. Economists and historians have announced that income inequality is at its worst levels since the 1920s (a decade that led to the Great Depression), and with the tax deal signed into law in 2017, many assume the inequality will only get worse. Our nation is polarized by fear. Many of the struggles of 2018 mirror the struggles that John Steinbeck wrote about in his classic novel. I believe that *The Grapes of Wrath* also demonstrates the best possible solutions to our troubles: unity and love. Please join me in reading and discussing one of the most important novels ever written:

Sunday, 9/30: chapters 13-19

Sunday, 10/14: chapters 20-25; Sunday, 10/21: chapters 26-30

Overview of the Federal Criminal Justice System

Facilitator: Oscar Stephenson

Time and Place: Sunday, October 14, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. Volker Room (lower level)

Description: The Unitarian Universalist Church's mission includes an emphasis on social justice. Election years heighten the spotlight so it behooves us to make informed decisions based on facts. Retired Chief U.S. Probation Officer Oscar Stephenson brings years of experience to enlighten us about the legal and prison system in America. He will review how a criminal case moves through the system from start to finish, covering the difference between pretrial diversion and pretrial release, the difference between probation, parole, and supervised release, and the difference between determinate and indeterminate sentencing. If you want to learn more about how good time works, the impact of mandatory minimums on the sentencing guidelines, or the outcome of the war on drugs, then this is the opportunity for you to ask questions and get clear answers.

WHAT DOES THE CHURCH MEAN TO YOU?

Visitors to our web site want to know what drew you to this church and what you have found here. We have a page of [member testimonials](#) and would like to have many more! Please send your comments and photograph to web@uucbham.org. Thank you!

CARING COMMITTEE

- Thanks to RE's Youth Class for taking on the responsibility of the compost. We appreciate their Green Team attitude!
- Congratulations to members Mary Aparo and Jack Chamberlain who were married on August 18.
- Thank you to the UUCB Film Committee for their ongoing efforts to bring relevant subjects and discussion before our church and the community! We are enriched by your dedication.

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

THE POSTING FOR THE POSITION OF UUCB CHILDREN'S CHOIR

DIRECTOR can be found on the job site, "Indeed." Interested persons are asked to apply on line. All applications will be reviewed when Rev. Julie Conrady returns from parental leave.

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.
- The minister email and minister voicemail will **not** be monitored until Rev. Julie's return, so please use the above contacts for any needs.



MUUSICShare will meet this Tuesday, October 9, from 6:30 until 8:30 pm in the sanctuary. We're practicing Christmas carols to bring to retirement communities in December, and we've scheduled some weekend singalongs so that children and 9-5er's can participate. Singers and acoustic instrument players of all ages and abilities are welcome! Contact Debra Burrell at musicshare@gmail.com.

MISSING LAPTOP – MacBook Pro in a gray canvas case. If found, please email Pam Powell (pampowellp3@gmail.com).

TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER: Mandy Goheen is the director of Prison Ministry and the Worthy Now Network. Her job is to coordinate and create programming, staff, and membership for both. She is responsible for matching pen pals for our Letter Writing Ministry. She picks classes as well as reading materials for CLF (Church of the Larger Fellowship) members living in prison. Additionally Mandy teaches classes like Prison Industrial Complex 101 and public speaking to help educate people in the freeworld. Her goal is to bring freedom of religion and the saving message of Unitarian Universalism to as many people as possible affected by prison industrial complex institutions across the United States.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP.

Today is an Intergenerational service when children are encouraged to stay in worship for the entire service. Nursery (0-3) and Preschool (4-5) classes are available if you prefer, please sign your child in at the RE table in the Narthex before the service begins and go to the lower level to retrieve your children immediately following the service. **No RE Classes or Parent gathering today**, please stay and enjoy First Sunday Lunch.