



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, October 14, 2018

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

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

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude Clouds Op. 53 No. 2
by Felix Mendelssohn

Lighting the Chalice

*Opening Words

*Hymn I Seek the Spirit of a Child #338

Offertory Berceuse
by Teresa Carreño

Offertory Music

Anthem Feed the Birds
from Walt Disney’s “Mary Poppins”
words and music by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Meditation Moments

*Meditation Hymn Sleep, My Child #409

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 return to their seats.)

Sermon What Would Mary Poppins Do?

*Hymn Let’s Go Fly a Kite (see insert)
from Walt Disney’s “Mary Poppins”
words and music by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

*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 Up with End Credits
by Michael Giacchino

Ringling the Chime

Participating in today’s service:

Rev. Gail Tapscott – Guest Minister
Tony and Tan Bell – Worship Associates
Jim Sullivan – Choir Director
Chip Williams – Pianist
Skylar Wyatt and Forrest Hilton – Chalice Lighters
Julia Mortenson – Offertory
Andrew Duxbury – TFAA

Today’s flowers are provided by Debra Burrell.

TODAY’S GUEST MINISTER:

Rev. Gail Tapscott is a semi-retired UU minister who has completed 22 years of parish ministry. She was senior minister of the UU Church of Ft. Lauderdale for 17 years until retiring to Oxford MS in 2016. She is now preaching monthly for the UU Congregation of Tupelo and is a frequent pulpit guest and Coordinator of Adult Religious Education at UU of Oxford. She also preaches her way around the country as she travels. A graduate of Harvard Divinity School, Rev. Gail also has an MA in Liberal Education from St. John’s College and extensive training in spiritual psychology. She has been a life long social activist particularly in areas of the environment and economic justice.

TODAY’S OFFERINGS

Justice Committee Meeting – 11:15 am – Grady Nunn Library

Knitting Group – 11:15 am – DRE Office

RE Parent’s Gathering – 11:15 am – Rm #122

UU in school: how to help your kids handle cultural religious pressures
Bring your coffee downstairs and join the conversation in room 122 while the kids are in RE.

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

Overview of the Federal Criminal Justice System

Facilitator: Oscar Stephenson

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

Description: The Unitarian Universalist Church’s mission includes an emphasis on social justice. Retired Chief U.S. Probation Officer Oscar Stephenson brings years of experience to enlighten us about the legal and prison system in America.

UUCB and the UUWorld

Facilitator: Alyssa Zasada

Time and Place: 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 UUA. October 14 we will read "Flowers on the Altar" by Debra Burrell (Summer 2017), and she will join us to discuss the submission, editing, and approval process for publishing in UU World. Writers and aspiring writers are encouraged to attend!

CARING COMMITTEE

- Happy October Birthdays to our fine Octogenarians Cathy Taylor and Janice Williams! Also a Happy Birthday to Charles Cleveland who turns 91 on October 24! It is wonderful to have you all in our midst!
- 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 UUCB MEDITATION GROUP will be hosting an insight meditation retreat starting at 6:30 PM on Friday, November 30th and continuing until 5:00 PM on Saturday, December 1st here at the Church. The retreat will be peer-led by members of the Meditation Group and the broader UUCB community and will feature sitting and walking meditation, meditation instruction, and small-group discussions on topics related to mindfulness practice. A potluck, vegetarian lunch will be provided on Saturday.

All are welcome to attend, regardless of a spiritual background (whether it be Buddhist, Christian, secular or anything else), your approach to meditation, and your experience with the practice. If you have no idea what mindfulness, awareness, or anything else you have just read means, all the better! If you choose to attend, please bring a meditation cushion, comfortable clothes, a vegetarian dish, and the registration fee in cash, which is a (suggested) \$20. You can register and learn more at mindfulbham.com, and please email Lee Martin or Alyssa Zasada at admin@mindfulbham.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

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!

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.

PODCASTS ARE BACK – from August to present!

You can access the sermon podcasts on our website at www.uucbham.org

