



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 Connection 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.

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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Sunday, January 6, 2019

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Ringling the Chime *Our service begins and ends with the chime.*

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude *Prelude in D Major*
by J.S. Bach

Lighting the Chalice *by Cynthia Landrum*

*Opening Words *by Howard Thurman*

*Hymn *We Three Kings of Orient Are #259*
(verses 1,2 and 4)

Offertory *Two Melodies*
by Edvard Grieg

Anthem *New Year*
words and music by John Rutter

Meditation Moments

*Meditation Hymn *The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time #350*

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.)

Reading

Sermon *The Revelation of the Magi*

*Hymn *People, Look East #226*

*Extinguishing the Chalice (In unison) *by Amy Zucker Morgenstern*
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.

*Benediction

Postlude *Prelude in F major*
by Frederic Chopin

Ringling the Chime

Participating in today's service:

Rev. Julie Conrady – *Settled Minister*
Tan and Tony Bell – *Worship Associates*
Jim Sullivan – *Choir Director*
Lucy DeSa – *Guest Pianist*
Davis Hamley – *Chalice Lighter*

Today's flowers are in memory of T. D. Russell, by Mary House Kessler

TODAY IS FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH

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

OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE CHURCH

- ⇒ We still need help the following areas:
- Writing the draft Congregational Covenant
 - Serving as Greeter
 - Helping in the search for a new DRE
 - Welcoming new members/hospitality
 - Offer to provide rides to church

Please contact the church office if you would like to help.

ADULT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Exploring the Heretics

Facilitator: Rev Julie Conrady

Time and Place: January 13 & 20 immediately following service.

Description: Feel like a heretic? You are in good company! Rev. Julie's master thesis explored three of the texts intentionally kept out of the Christian scriptures for their heretical narratives. Come, explore, and feel at home.

Justice On Earth: *People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class and the Environment* (Mishra- Marzetti)

Facilitator: Rev Julie Conrady

Time and Place: (two class choices) - Third Tuesdays from noon-1pm (feel free to bring a bagged lunch)(Jan-May), or Sunday, March 10 & 17, immediately after service.

Description: Each year, the Unitarian Universalist Association chooses a Common Read - a book read by folks in our denomination around the globe for further reflection and study. This year's selection is: *Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and Environment*. Paper book is \$18; digital copy is \$10. Let the church office know if you'd like us to order you a paper copy.

LOOK FOR THE WINTER/SPRING ADULT OFFERINGS BOOKLET

The newest list of Adult Enrichment Offerings for the months of January through April can be found on the center table in the Narthex or on our Website at www.uuchham.org.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP WITH THE AUCTION!

February 9, 2019 – Registration and silent auction starts at 6pm.

Live auction begins at 7pm. See Wynne Dimock today after the service in the Narthex or call Mary Ann Plant

UUCB IS HONORED TO BE HOST TO TWO FABULOUS GROUPS STARTING THIS JANUARY:

The Nonprofit Capacity Group (NCG) is a free bi-weekly learning, mentoring, and networking meeting organized by Harvard alumni exclusively for nonprofit CEOs/Executive Directors in the Birmingham area. CEOs/Executive Directors at all nonprofit organizations and faith-based organizations with social service programs to meet socioeconomic needs are invited to attend.

NCG will meet every other Thursday, beginning 10 January 2019.

Topic for January 10: The Big Picture: How can nonprofits make the case for their true value to decision-makers? How nonprofits can demonstrate their economic and political value to decision-makers using hard data.

If you are interested in attending, please reserve your spot with John Whitman (JohnRWhitman@mac.com)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2-4PM – THE BARDS OF BIRMINGHAM

will host their auditions for their spring show, Shakespeare's *Henry V*, housed right here at UUCB. If you are interested in auditioning someone you love aged 5-25, please check the Bards of Birmingham Facebook page for more information.

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. The first Sunday of each month no classes are planned. Please gather your children immediately following the end of the service today and join us for First Sunday Lunch.

