



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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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.

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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, January 13, 2019

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Ring the Chime	<i>Our service begins and ends with the chime.</i>
Welcome	
Announcements	
Prelude	Silk Hat and Walking Cane (Excerpt) by Florence Price
Lighting the Chalice	by Melanie Davis
*Opening Words	Wake Up! by Rev. Christian Schmidt
*Hymn	The Fire of Commitment #1028
Offertory	Day Dream by Duke Ellington & Billy Strayhorn, Arr. Lee Evans
Anthem	Here Comes the Light words and music by Joseph Graham
Meditation Moments	
*Meditation Hymn	Lift Every Voice and Sing #149
Time For All Ages	
Singing Children to Their Classrooms	<i>Go Now In Peace</i> <i>Go now in peace. Go in quiet wisdom.</i> <i>Go forth into the world with kindness and love.</i> (Children & adults will sing together once. The second time the adults will sing as the children leave for activity time.)
Sermon	What's in Your Hand?
*Hymn	Love Will Guide Us #131
*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	I Wish I Knew How by Billy Taylor & Dick Dallas
Ring the Chime	

Participating in today's service:

T. Marie King – *Guest Speaker*
Rev. Julie Conrady – *Settled Minister*
Bill Long – *Worship Associate*
Jim Sullivan – *Choir Director*
Chip Williams – *Pianist*
Davis Hamley – *Chalice Lighter*

Today's flowers are arranged by Debra Burrell.

TODAY'S SHARE-THE-PLATE RECIPIENT IS ALABAMA ARISE. This organization works to make Alabama better through research and advocacy for policies to improve the lives of low-income Alabamians. Stan Johnson will elaborate on the organization's efforts and goals for 2019. **Please make your checks payable to UUCB with Share the Plate in the memo line.** Thank you for your generosity!

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OUR GUEST SPEAKER TODAY – T. Marie King is an activist, speaker and trainer and has served as an authentic voice for progress in the City of Birmingham for several years. She is passionate about creating pathways to healing, teaching nonviolence and building a better global community. King has spoken or presented seminars to over 200 groups and organizations touching youth, college students and adults. In her spare time, she curates her own community events to building bridges across difference. King is a faculty member with the Satyagraha Institute, she emceed the 2017 Alabama Women's March rally and recently received the 2018 Shining Star Award from The National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women. King is a native of Birmingham, Alabama and holds a Bachelors' in Urban and Global Economic Development from Beulah Heights University, Masters' degrees in Leadership and Divinity from Luther Rice University and a trained facilitator on Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation through the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

ADULT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Exploring the Heretics

Facilitator: Rev Julie Conrady

Time and Place: Today and next Sunday immediately following service.

Description: Feel like a heretic? You are in good company! 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 thru May from 12-1pm This coming Tuesday is the first class. (feel free to bring a bagged lunch)

MUUSICSHARE is on a different schedule for January, because New Year's Day fell on the first Tuesday. We'll meet this coming Tuesday, January 15, from 6:30 to 8:30pm in the sanctuary. We'll rehearse our current setlist and take a first look at the next one. Singers and acoustic instrument players of all ages and abilities are welcome to join us. Chords and lyrics will be provided. Contact Debra at muusicshare@gmail.com for more information.

USHERS NEEDED! Consider joining the Usher team here at UUCB. Ushers are responsible for assisting the congregation in finding a seat, gathering a hymnal and any other need as they arise. The commitment is usually one Sunday a month. Contact Gil Dacumos at gedacs@pacbell.net or mark your connection card to indicate your interest.



Valentine Splurge Auction
February 9, 2019

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP WITH THE AUCTION!

February 9, 2019 – Registration and silent auction starts at 6pm. Live auction begins at 7pm. See Mary Ann Plant today after the service in the Narthex. (Or check the box on the Connection card)

HEALTH CARE PERSPECTIVE ON GUN VIOLENCE

Sponsored by: Alabama Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.

Sunday, January 27, 2-4 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church of Birmingham

Presentation and discussion featuring:

Dr. Jeff Kerby, Chief Trauma Surgeon, UAB Medical School

Dr. Pia Sen, Professor of Healthcare Organization and Policy,

UAB School of Public Health

WANTING TO JOIN UUCB? You are welcome to join at any time by meeting with Rev. Julie and signing the membership book.

- If you've joined recently or would like more information before you join, you are welcome to attend our new membership class, UUCB101, on February 10, from 11:30-2:30pm. Folks who want to be introduced to the congregation as new members will be welcome to do so on February 17.
- If you've joined since the last new member dinner, please set aside Friday, February 22 for our New Member dinner.

Justice on Earth is here! If you are interested in our Common Read, please bring your \$18 to the table in the narthex after church this week and next to collect your book. It is also available digitally if you prefer.