



## 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.



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## 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).*



Picture by Judith Hower

## Unitarian Universalist Church of Birmingham

**A church that honors differences in belief**

**Our Winter Sermon Series delves into the Six Sources of Unitarian Universalism. Join us each week as we explore the sources of our living tradition.**

*The living tradition which we share draws from many sources:*

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

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# Unitarian Universalist Church of Birmingham

Sunday, March 10, 2019

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

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| Ring the Chime                         | <i>Our service begins and ends with the chime.</i>   |
| Welcome                                |  |
| Announcements                          |  |
| Prelude                                | A Rose is Gently Blooming, Op. 122 No. 8<br>by Johannes Brahms   |
| Lighting the Chalice                   | by Gregory Pelley  |
| *Opening Words                         | by Matthew Rosin   |
| *Hymn                                  | Wake, Now, My Senses #298  |
| Offertory Music                        | The Girl with the Flaxen Hair<br>by Claude Debussy   |
| Anthem                                 | Sunday<br>words and music by Stephen Sondheim  |
| Meditation Moments                     |  |
| *Meditation Hymn                       | The Pen Is Greater #320  |
| Time For All Ages                      |  |
| Singing Children to Their Classrooms   | The UU Principle Song<br>One, each person is worthwhile; Two, be kind in all you do; Three, we help each other learn; Four, and search for what is true; Five, all people get a vote; Six, build a just and peaceful world; Seven, we take care of the earth, and that will bring us back to me and U.U.<br><i>Sung to the tune of Doe, a Deer (Children &amp; adults will sing together once. (The second time the adults will sing as the children leave for activity time.)</i> |
| Reading                                |  |
| Sermon                                 | The Sources of Our Living Tradition:<br>Welcoming the Humanists  |
| *Hymn                                  | O What a Piece of Work Are We #313   |
| *Extinguishing the Chalice (In unison) | by Maureen Killoran<br><b>We extinguish this chalice flame,<br/>daring to carry forward the vision of this free faith,<br/>that freedom, reason and justice<br/>will one day prevail in this nation and across the earth.</b>  |
| *Benediction                           |  |
| Postlude                               | First Rendez-vous<br>by Yann Tiersen   |
| Ring the Chime                         |  |

*Participating in today's service:*

Rev. Julie Conrady – *Settled Minister*

Leigh Shaffer – *Worship Associate*

Jim Sullivan – *Choir Director*

Chip Williams – *Pianist*

The Searcy Family – *Chalice Lighters*

*The flowers at the pulpit today are arranged by Debra Burrell.*

**MARCH SHARE-THE-PLATE RECIPIENT IS** the Birmingham Interfaith Refugee Ministry (BIRM) (See Insert)

**Please make your donation check payable to UUCB with BIRM in the memo line.** VENMO is also available, uucbham.

Thank you for your generosity!

The BIRM was formally The Refugee Interest Group, a group born at UUCB. It was organized in October 2016 to identify and implement ways to support refugees in Birmingham, AL, and around the world. Still sponsored by the UUCB, the group has worked on issues of education, advocacy and direct action. This action includes assisting two refugee families settling in Birmingham.

## ADULT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Justice on Earth**, edited by Manish Mishra-Marzetti and Jennifer Nordstrom

Facilitator: Rev. Julie Conrady

Time and Place: (two class choices) - Third Tuesday from noon-1 pm (March 19), or two Sundays, March 10 & 17, beginning at 11:30 am, Sanctuary

## S'Mores Social

Facilitator: Alyssa Zasada

Time and Place: Saturday, March 23, 7 pm, UUCB Fire pit

Description: Gather 'round the campfire for a night of s'mores and songs with your UUCB family.

## Misconceptions about Peace

Facilitators: Jerry and Sis Levin

Time and Place: Two Sundays, March 24 and 31, beginning at 11:30 am Volker Room, lower level.

Description: Last year in a short talk, Birmingham anti-violence nonexclusive peace activist writer, Jerry Levin, shared his views as to "What is Peace." This year he returns to expand on that theme in two classes titled "Misconceptions about Peace." He will 1) unpack the existential significance of the literal truth behind the celebrated spiritual descriptive insight concerning "the peace that passes all understanding," and 2) warn of the consequences of failing to acknowledge the world's failure to comprehend that truth about itself.

## PFLAG (FAMILY, FRIENDS & MEMBERS OF THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY)

Birmingham's PFLAG chapter meets here at UUCB on the second Tuesday of each month (3/12) in the Sanctuary at 7pm.

## CARING COMMITTEE

- A round of applause for the many UUCB members who have provided support and attended meetings to further the refugee work of the Birmingham Interfaith Refugee Ministry. We acknowledge your team effort in this very worthwhile endeavor!
- **SAVE THE DATE Saturday, June 8, 11:00** Please plan to join our Interim Director of Religious Education, Rev. Ruth Vann Lillian, for a Service of Affirmation and Goodbye Luncheon. After fourteen years among us, Ruth will be leaving to pursue full-time parish ministry at another UU church. Come join in blessings and best wishes for her new journey.

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)



**VESPERS SERVICE  
LENT FOR HUMANISTS**  
Friday, March 15 – 6 pm  
Come join us at our Vespers service, focused on Lenten meditation for Humanists. We will participate in a Cosmic Labyrinth Walk, and MUUSICshare will perform. All are welcome.

## 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.

## MARCH 17: ST PATRICK'S DAY INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE

We'll celebrate with a UU take on St Patrick's Day by honoring our pagan and Earth-centered Sources. Everyone is invited to wear green and bring green desserts for coffee time.

**VISITING TODAY?** We would love to know more about you! Please fill out the Connection Card inserted in the Order of Service and hand in during the offertory. (Pens are available, ask the Usher.) Parents with children in the Religious Education program: please provide the name (s), birthdate (s), any allergy concerns for all children as well as your contact information, in the event we need to contact you urgently.