



## 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:

- 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).*



## 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, April 7, 2019

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

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

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude Happiness Op. 102, No. 5  
by Felix Mendelssohn

Opening Words (Responsive) By Charles F Flagg  
Every endeavor begins with a first step, and encounters darkness and  
difficulty along the way.

*We know the darkness of ignorance, of fear, and of tyranny.*

Yet we know the dawning of the light, the beginnings of hope, and the  
renewal of life.

*Blessed be the eternal power which inspires us to kindle this light. Blessed be the  
sources of light and of life. Amen.*

\*Lighting the Chalice by Robin F. Gray

\*Hymn Love Will Guide Us #131

Stewardship Moment

Offertory Music Kids  
by A. VanWyngarden & B. Goldwasser, Arr, Maxence Cyrin

Meditation Moments

\*Meditation Hymn Make Channels for the Streams of Love #299

Anthem The Seal Lullaby  
words by Rudyard Kipling/ music by Eric Whitacre

Time For All Ages

Singing Children to Their Classrooms The UU Principle Song  
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.

*Sung to the tune of Doe, a Deer (Children & adults will sing together once.  
(The second time the adults will sing as the children leave for activity time.)*

Reading

Sermon Preparing the Way

\*Hymn We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle #212  
(substituting siblings, cousins for sisters, brothers)

\*Extinguishing the Chalice (In unison) by Maureen Killoran

**We extinguish this chalice flame,  
daring to carry forward the vision of this free faith,  
that freedom, reason and justice  
will one day prevail in this nation and across the earth.**

\*Benediction

Postlude

Ringling the Chime

*Participating in today's service:*

Rev. Julie Conrady – *Settled Minister*

Leigh Shaffer – *Worship Associate*

Jim Sullivan – *Choir Director*

Chip Williams – *Pianist*

Heather Hunter – *Offertory*

McPoland/Welbourne Family – *Chalice Lighters*

Ruth Vann Lillian – *Time for All Ages*

*The flowers at the pulpit today are arranged by Trey Tarrant.*

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**APRIL SHARE THE PLATE** is in support of **The Invisible Histories Project**, a group dedicated to the preservation of the history of LGBTQ life throughout the American South. Please make your donation check payable to UUCB with Share the Plate in the memo line. VENMO is also available; @uucbham. Thank you for your generosity!

**TODAY AFTER THE SERVICE:**

**Book Discussion: *How Not to Die* by Michael Greger**

Facilitator: Michael Geer – Time and Place: beginning at 11:30 am; Volker Room

**Dedication of the Music Room** - Immediately after the service, a procession will travel through the building to the Music Room and continue outside and end in the Sanctuary for a brief program.

**RE Stewardship Picnic Lunch** – At noon, after the dedication ceremony, in the Playground. All are welcome, RE families are especially encouraged to attend.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**This Tuesday, April 16**, is Third Tuesday Lunch, continuing our UUA Common Read, *Justice on Earth*. Bring a sack lunch. All are welcome!

**This Friday, April 19**, join our CUUPS group at 6:30pm to celebrate the Full Moon, weather permitting at the firepit.

**Next Sunday, April 21**, is our Flower Communion, one of our fabulous UU rituals which celebrates life, spring, and community. **Please bring a flower for each person in your family**, and any extra if you have some available for visitors. Following the service, we will have an Egg Hunt for the children, so all children 10 years and younger should bring their baskets.

**Seal Lullaby** By Rudyard Kipling (words to today's Choir Anthem)

Oh! hush thee, my baby, the night is behind us

And black are the waters that sparkled so green.

The moon, O'er the combers, looks downward to find us

At rest in the hollows that rustle between.

Where billow meets billow, there soft be thy pillow.

Oh, weary wee flipperling, curl at thy ease!

The storm shall not wake thee, no shark shall overtake thee

Asleep in the storm of slow-swinging seas.

Ridin' West  
by Jon Schmidt

CARING COMMITTEE

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

**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.

**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.

**Stewardship Events:**

**RE Families** – Today, noon in the Playground (Picnic Lunch)

**Retirees Luncheon** – Wednesday, April 24 – Sanctuary at noon.

**Millennials and Boomers** – Friday April 26 – Sanctuary at 7 pm for Sangria Hangout, desserts and finger food.

Please call the church office to RSVP for one of these gatherings, 205-945-8109.

**You may attend any date that best fits your schedule.**