



## 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 UUCB, 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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Please specify whether your donation is for Share the Plate, your pledge or a combination.



## 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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### Church Leadership

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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, May 12, 2019

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

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

Welcome

Announcements

Update: Birmingham Interfaith Refugee Ministry

Share the Plate

Prelude

Sun Song

by David Lanz

Opening Words

by Margaret A Keip

\*Lighting the Chalice

by Selena Fox

\*Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth #21

verses 1-3 only

Child Dedication

Offertory Music

Elegy

by Giovanni Bottesini with Alex Horton, bass

Meditation Moments

\*Meditation Hymn

We Are Children of the Earth #314

Anthem

She Gives Me Joy

by Reba Rambo, arr. Tom Fettke

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

The Mother of Us All

\*Hymn

Mother of All #91

\*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

Ticklin' Toes

by Florence Price

Ring the Chime

*Participating in today's service:*

Rev. Julie Conrady – *Settled Minister*

Jim Sullivan – *Choir Director*

Chip Williams – *Pianist*

Troy Bast, violin / Alex Horton, double bass – *Guest Musicians*

Andy Duxbury – *Offertory*

The Tarrant Family – *Chalice Lighting*

Brynn Welch – *Time for All Ages*

Thank you to all of the Mothers who participated in today's service!

*Today's flowers are donated by Debra Burrell in honor of her mother, Nancy Scruggs.*

### MAY SHARE THE PLATE

"Dynamite Hill-Smithfield Community Land Trust (DH-SCLT) is a 501c3, non-profit and service based community land trust initiated in the Historic Smithfield Community of Birmingham, Alabama.

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!

### LOOKING FORWARD

#### Sunday, May 19 – RE Sunday and OWL Recognition

Ice Cream Reception on the playground following the service

1:00pm Jackie Mazzara's Celebration of Life

6:00pm Interracial Panel with 10-4 Corporation

#### Tuesday, May 21

Noon-1 Justice on Earth Discussion

6:30pm Film Screening of *Toxic Birmingham*

### SUMMER ADULT ENRICHMENT OFFERINGS

#### Let's Write

Facilitator: Lyn Stafford

Time and Place: Five Mondays, June 17- July 15, 12:00-1:30pm; Grady

Nunn Library

Description: Bring a notebook and pencil/pen since each class will begin with 30 minutes of writing on the topic of the day. Bring a bag lunch with a drink. Participants can pre-register on a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary, providing name, phone number, and email.

#### Articulating Your UU Faith

Beginning Wednesday, May 29, join Rev. Julie for a 5 week course on Articulating Your UU Faith. We'll meet from 6:30-8:00 pm at the church.

*Space is limited, so send Rev. Julie an email at [minister@uucbham.org](mailto:minister@uucbham.org) or make a note on your Connection Card to reserve your space.* Please plan to attend all 5 weeks of the course, and don't worry - if this iteration doesn't work for your schedule, we will offer it again.

Description: Unitarian Universalism is a non-creedal tradition - which means we do not have a list of required beliefs, making it challenging to describe our faith tradition to others. But we as a people still seek moral, just, and spiritual paths on our very individual journeys. Do you ever struggle with describing Unitarian Universalism to others? Do you want to articulate your own UU faith? Join us for this course - open to those new to our church and those who have been here forever.

### CARING COMMITTEE

- Gratitude for the tireless efforts put out by the Stewardship team this year!
- Congratulations to our UUCB Friend, Bryant Moore! Bryant has graduated from Samford with a major in Psychology and plans to attend graduate school.
- Congratulations to Noelle Aboatiyeh! Noelle has been accepted at Samford and will be starting in the fall! Great job, Noelle!
- Congratulations to Alex Tatum for graduating to Tiger Scouts!
- Please keep the Hamley family in your thoughts as Melissa's mother had a major surgery this past week.

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)

### 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.

**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 Update

We have received 2019-2020 pledges from about **2/3** of members and friends of UUCB. We have commitments of approximately **4/5** of the budget needed. **Every pledge counts** and is needed to meet our plans to grow the Religious Education programs for Children and Adults and to sustain all our other ministries.

If you haven't yet turned in your Pledge, please be sure to do so ASAP. Thank you for your support!

Forms were mailed last this week; if you did not receive one, call the office at 205-945-8109 or email [office@uucbham.org](mailto:office@uucbham.org)