



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 Staff 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.

Religious Education for Children and Youth

We are committed to providing a safe, open environment for our younger community to explore their spiritual path. All of our childcare workers are screened and vetted.

0-3years - Our Nursery is open from 9:45-12:15 so parents may enjoy the service and RE hour.

Pre-K/K - Our Pre-K and K children have activity time at 10am and RE time at 11:15. Many of these children stay in the service until the Time for All Ages, and then go to activity time and then their class with the other children.

1st grade and up - We know how vital it is for our children and youth to experience Sunday service with us. They are in the service with us through the Time for All Ages, when our team takes them for snack and activity time, followed by Religious Education class at 11:15. Parents are invited to join a class of their own at 11:15 for their own enrichment. Pick up is at 12:15.

For their safety, before children are left with us, please ensure a complete registration form is submitted. Our RE staff can provide one to you at the welcome desk.

If you have any questions about our program, please don't hesitate to contact our Director of Religious Education, Nicole Jacobson, at dre@uucbham.org or 205.945.8109 ext. 104.

Unitarian Universalist Principles and Sources

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

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven Principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides. We live out these Principles within a "living tradition" of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience. These are the six sources our congregations affirm and promote:

- 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 people 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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Welcome to the

Unitarian Universalist Church of Birmingham

A church that honors differences in belief

Our church does not adhere to any creed, or dogma, or doctrine. We live in community, respectful of one another's beliefs, using our covenant to guide us.

UUCB Covenant of Right Relations

Inspired by the seven Unitarian Universalist Principles, we promise to:

- Nurture a diverse and welcoming congregation by being respectful, friendly, and welcoming to all members, friends, visitors, and staff.
- Engage and contribute to the life of the congregation by connecting with its programs and governance, and by caring for our shared spaces.
- Trust that others' behavior is driven by good intentions.
- Practice direct communication by actively listening to and speaking with individuals, not about them, in an honest and compassionate way.
- Seek to resolve conflicts and make amends through intentional compromise and when necessary, request facilitation and mediation.

By intentionally encouraging and growing healthy relationships within the congregation, we are empowered to live our values in the broader community. This covenant is a living document that will evolve as we evolve. We will do our best to abide by this covenant.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Birmingham

Sunday, September 8, 2019

*Please rise in body or in spirit

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

Welcome

Announcements
Share the Plate – ASAN

Prelude Gymnopedie No. 1 by Erik Satie

Opening Words by Rev. John C. Morgan

*Lighting the Chalice by Rev. Lucas Hergert

*Affirmation #468

We need one another when we mourn and would be comforted.
We need one another when we are in despair, in temptation, and need to be recalled to our best selves.
We need one another in the hour of success, when we look for someone to share our triumphs.
We need one another when we come to die, and would have gentle hands prepare us for the journey.

*Hymn O Come, You Longing Thirsty Souls #209

Children’s Choir Peace Like a River

Offertory Music On the Seashore Op. 53 No. 1 by Felix Mendelssohn

*Meditation Hymn There’s a River Flowin’ in My Soul #1007

Anthem Follow the River words and music by Julie Wheeler

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 Our Covenant Binds Us Together

Water Communion

Hymn

As Tranquil Streams #145

*Extinguishing the Chalice Rev. Krista Taves

Benediction

Postlude Waterfall by Jon Schmidt

Ring the Chime

Participating in today’s service:
Rev. Julie Conrady – Settled Minister
Nicole Jacobson – Director of Religious Education
Alyssa Zasada – Worship Associate
Jim Sullivan – Choir Director
Chip Williams – Pianist
Cortney Johnson – Offertory

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

ARE YOU NEW TO UUCB AND/OR WANTING TO LEARN MORE?
Join us for UUCB 101 on September 11, 18, and 25, from 6:30-8:00 PM.
Let us know you’re coming by indicating on the connection card or by emailing office@uucbham.org
An opportunity for membership will follow.

POTLUCK FUN – Weekly on Wednesdays, Time: 5:30 – 7 PM. All are welcome! Come and fellowship with other members and friends of the Church. Children’s Choir rehearsal starts at 6pm and Adult Choir rehearsal at 7pm. If you or your children participate in either of these rehearsals, come and share a meal with others before rehearsals begin.

NEW FALL OFFERING 2019 BOOKLET is available in the Narthex for complete descriptions of all the upcoming opportunities for fellowship and educational classes. Sign up on the Connection card included with the booklets!

AUCTION COMMITTEE – We have a group of people who are willing to be the team but we need a point person. Please indicate your interest on the connection card.

HELP US CELEBRATE TODAY! - Please join us for cake @12:30 after RE today in honor of Ezio’s first birthday!

VESPERS Service – Friday, September 27, 7 pm. Recognizing the end of the Global Climate Strike

SKIT – CALLING ALL THESPIANS! Sunday, September 22 will be a dramatic Sunday and we need actors! Contact Rev. Julie if you are interested.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CARE FOR OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

OUR CHURCH is supported by annual pledges from members and friends and by the contributions of visitors. We share our plate with vetted non-profits who do the work of justice in our community. We welcome your support. To discuss a bequest, trust, or other gift to the Endowment Fund, please contact the church office @205-945-8109. NOW ACCEPTING VENMO! @uucbham Please specify whether your donation is for Share the Plate, your pledge or a combination.

SEPTEMBER SHARE THE PLATE – ASAN

The Alabama Sustainable Agriculture Network (ASAN) is a grassroots network of sustainable farmers and supporters of a more robust local food system, from across Alabama. Their mission is to deepen relationships between the people of Alabama, the food we eat, and the place we live. They envision a resilient agricultural system in Alabama – one that is ecologically regenerative, centered around those who work the land, just, intergenerational, and rooted in community. Their 5th annual farm-to-fork picnic fundraiser Graze: Birmingham is Sunday September 8 at Avondale Brewery, and features dishes from 17 pairs of local farmers + local chefs/restaurants.

Their annual conference/gathering, the Food & Farm Forum (and Youth Food & Farm Forum) is in Fairhope on December 5-7, 2019. They will also hold four farmer-led workshops this fall (Aug-Nov) on farms in Central Alabama. UUCBers are invited to get involved, and to become members of ASAN! Learn more at asanonline.org, or @ASANonline on Facebook and Instagram.

Please make your donation check payable to UUCB with Share the Plate in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE – Buttons are available for .50 at the Justice table today.

NEXT SUNDAY: T.K. Thorne, author of “Last Chance of Justice, How Relentless Investigators Uncovered New Evidence Convicting the Birmingham Church Bombers” will be our guest speaker.

SAVE THE DATE:
Congregational Leaders Retreat on Sept. 28, from 9-1 PM
Volker Room



Building Beloved Community

- September Theme: Covenant
15-Sept Anniversary of the 16th Street Bombing
22-Sept Special Guest: T. K. Thorne
29-Sept Broken Promises in a Covenantal Community

