



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 15, 2019

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

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

Welcome

Announcements
Global Climate Strike

Prelude *The Cradle*
by George Winston

Opening Words by Rev. Christian Schmidt

*Lighting the Chalice by Eric A Heller-Wagner

*Affirmation by Loretta F. Williams

We, bearers of the dream, affirm that a new vision of hope is emerging.
We pledge to work for that community in which justice will be actively present.

We affirm that there is struggle yet ahead.

Yet we know that in the struggle is the hope for the future.

We affirm that we are co-creators of the future, not passive pawns.

And we stand united in affirmation of our hope and vision of a just and inclusive society.

Affirming that hope, publicly expressed, energizes and enables us to move forward. Together we pledge action to transcend barriers – be they racial, political, economic, social, or religious.

We pledge to make our tomorrows become our todays.

*Hymn Sing of Living, Sing of Dying #306

Offertory *Mad Rush*
by Philip Glass

Meditation by Joan Javier-Duval

*Meditation Hymn Can I See Another’s Woe? #127

Anthem *Song of Freedom*
arr. by Victor C. Johnson

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 By Jeannie Shero

Message *The Last Chance for Justice*

Hymn *O Liberating Rose #130*

Extinguishing the Chalice

Closing Words By Rev. Jonalu Johnstone

Postlude *I Wish I Knew How*
by Billy Taylor & Dick Dallas

Ring the Chime

T.K. Thorne will be available for Questions after the service along with books for sale for those interested.

Participating in today’s service:

T.K. Thorne – *Guest Speaker*

Nicole Jacobson – *Director of Religious Education*

Leigh Shaffer – *Worship Associate*

Jim Sullivan – *Choir Director*

Chip Williams – *Pianist*

Mary Ann Plant – *Offertory*

The Welbourne Family – *Chalice Lighting*

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

THIRD SUNDAY Q & A

Questions about the UU church? Come to the Pickett Room directly across the Narthex from the Sanctuary immediately following today’s service. Church Leaders will greet you there and answer any questions you may have.

UU HUMANISTS meet today at 11:30 AM in the Volker Room.

The goal of this group is to explore the Humanist traditions within Unitarian Universalism. We welcome anyone who is wants to learn more about Humanism.

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!

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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS IN NEED OF ONE ADDITIONAL YOUTH ADVISOR

willing to help lead Youth Group every other Wednesday Evening 6:30-8:30pm. If you are interested, Please contact Nicole Jacobson, DRE at dre@uucbham.org

GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE WEEK

- The Strike, Organized by our very own Stella Tarrant
Friday, September 20, 11am, Linn park
Free buttons for the first 200 people

- **VESPERS** Service – *Recognizing the end of the Global Climate Strike*
Friday, September 27, 5-7 pm – Food, Gathering and Reflection
Service 7 pm., UUCB Sanctuary



Building Beloved Community

September Theme: Covenant

22-Sept The Right Way to Right Speech

29-Sept Broken Promises in a Covenantal Community

6-Oct Democracy Panel – Bipartisanship



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