Unitarian Universalist Church of Birmingham
March 22, 2020

*Please rise in body or in spirit

Our service begins and ends with the chime.

Ringing the Chime

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude

Le Matin by Yann Tiersen

Opening Words

by Rev. Rebecca Edmiston-Lange

*Lighting the Chalice

by Rev. Dr. Eric Heller-Wagner

*Affirmation (Responsive)

Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime; Therefore, we are saved by hope.

Nothing true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; Therefore, we are saved by faith.

Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; Therefore, we are saved by love.

No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as from our own; Therefore, we are saved by the final form of love which is forgiveness.

by Reinhold Niebuhr

Hymn

This Old World

1. This old world is full of sorrow. Full of sickness, weak and sore, if you love your neighbor truly, love will come to you the more.

2. We're all children of one family; we're all brothers, sisters, too, if you cherish one another, love and friendship come to you.

3. This old world can be a garden, full of fragrance, full of grace, if we love our neighbors truly, we must meet them face to face.

4. It is said now, “Love thy neighbor,” and we know well that is true; this, the sum of human labor, true for me as well as you.

Offertory

Etude No. 17 by Philip Glass

Meditation Moment

Words That We Hold Tight

Words that we hold tight won’t let us go. Paths we don’t follow will haunt us so. What will undo us is not our friend. Show us, O spirit, how to befriend. Show us how to forgive. To all who live, show us forgiveness that we may live.

To speak of loving is not to love, Lies move among us, below, above. When we are raging, needing to mend, show us, O spirit, how to befriend. Show us how to forgive. To all who live, show us forgiveness that we may live.

When love is doubtful, choice is not clear, we turn to worship to cast out fear. Teach us forgiveness, make love our end. Show us, O spirit, how to befriend. Show us how to forgive. To all who live, show us forgiveness that we may live.

Time For All Ages

Singing Children to Their Classroom

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. That will bring us back to me and U.U. (Too) 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

Mindfulness in the Miasma

*Hymn

Let It Be a Dance

(Refrain) Let it be a dance we do. May I have this dance with you? Through the good times and the bad times, too, let it be a dance.

1. Let a dancing song be heard. Play the music, say the words, and fill the sky with sailing birds. (Refrain)

2. Everybody turn and spin, let your body learn to bend, and, like a willow with the wind, (Refrain)

3. Morning star comes out at night, without the dark there is no light. If nothing's wrong, then nothing’s right. (Refrain)

*Extinguishing the Chalice

by Rev. Frederick Gillis

*Benediction

Postlude

Simple Gifts - Traditional, Arr. Jason Tonioli

Ringing the Chime

Participating in today’s service:

Rev. Julie Conrady—Settled Minister  Patti Steelman—Worship Associate  Jim Sullivan—Choir Director

Chip Williams—Pianist  Becca Rogers—Song Leader  Troy Bast—Guest Musician

Jonathan Fleming, Mike Combs, and Josh Flores—Tech Crew

Flowers at the Pulpit are provided by Gerda Carmichael.
OPPORTUNITIES TO CARE FOR OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

- David and Lois Baker would like to share that with resolution, peace, and joy, David is now comfortably in home hospice and sends gratitude to all of you for your years of fellowship and love.
- We offer our support and condolences to Ginger Wyatt over the recent loss of her mother.
- Chuck Jeffries is in the specialty care unit at UAB.
- Food donations both shelf stable and perishable are needed for helping church members and friends in need.

If you have an item you wish to share about UUCB folks, please contact Marcia Mancill

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.

MARCH SHARE THE PLATE—ALABAMA RIVERS ALLIANCE

Alabama Rivers Alliance is a statewide network of groups working to protect and restore all of Alabama's water resources through building partnerships, empowering citizens, and advocating for sound water policy and its enforcement.

Please make your donation check payable to UUCB with Share the Plate in the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity!

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

OTHER WAYS TO DONATE: http://uucbham.org/connection/donate/

MUSIC CAMP—JULY 20-24

Registration is open! Visit bit.ly/UUCBHarmonyCamp to register.

Limited spots available Ages 5—12.

UUCB SOCIAL JUSTICE CAMP—JUNE 8-12, 9-3 pm.

Social Justice- The hero in you! Children will learn about important figures in justice movements. As well, as the character traits that it takes to be a Social Justice Advocate. Children will participate in a service project. The camp will culminate with a performance at the end of the week. This camp is for Children ages 5—13.

Registration is open! Visit bit.ly/UUCBJusticeCamp to register.

Our Sunday Coffee Hour (Mar. 22) will be found here: https://uuma.zoom.us/j/898704351

If you missed it, our service from March 15: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uhbMOUaCW5w

Wednesday, March 25, Virtual potluck at 5:30pm: https://uuma.zoom.us/j/744659134

We have created a church chat, available 24/7, at https://uucbham.slack.com

We continue to use our Facebook and Instagram pages:

UUCB's Main Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/UUCBHAM/

UUCB LGBT+ page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/690071671411192/

UUCB's Religious Education page (Nicole is uploading videos, curriculum, and crafts daily!): https://www.facebook.com/groups/226290014111299/

UUCB Youth: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1137527503099453/

UUCB’s MidSomethings Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1814521498794919/

UUCB CUUPS (UU Pagans): https://www.facebook.com/groups/CUUPS-Birmingham/

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/uucbham/

Ways to Help:

Here are some ways you can help those at your congregation and staff at this moment:

Offer to take groceries or supplies to folks near you. Email Rev. Julie to sign up.

If you are in the COVID-19 high risk category as deemed by the CDC (older adult or heart disease or lung disease or diabetes or compromised immune system), please email Rev. Julie at minister@uucbham.org or call at 205-945-8109. We have a team standing ready to support you to help with groceries, errands, etc., so you can stay home and safe. Even if you think you are “fine” now, we would like to be able to check in as this progresses through Alabama. You don’t have to share your medical history, just please let me know you’d like to be on the Extra Care list. Thank you to Billy and Laura Nelson and Keith and Jenna Weber for preparing this. Email Rev. Julie to sign up.

Join a distribution team, to pick up items from the church, to drop off at homes near you. (One example of this is RE crafts for the families). Thank you to Heather Hunter for mapping out our church. Email Rev. Julie to sign up.

Offer to read a book on video to be distributed to our RE families, all of whom will have children unexpectedly at home for 3 weeks. Email Nicole to sign up.

Join us for our digital service, tomorrow at 10am: https://youtu.be/uhbMOUaCW5w Being together in community will be supportive to us all.

Finally, please call Rev. Julie if you become ill or self-quarantined. We are here to help.