

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BIRMINGHAM
APRIL 4, 2021

**Please rise in body or in spirit
Our service begins and ends with the chime.*

Ringing the Chime

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude

*Aria from Goldberg Variations, BWV 988
by J. S. Bach*

***Lighting the Chalice**

by Dillman Baker Sorrells

***Hymn**

O Day of Light and Gladness #270

1 O day of light and gladness, of prophecy and song, what thoughts within us waken, what hallowed mem'ries throng! The soul's horizon widens, past, present, future blend; and rises on our vision the life that has no end.

2 Earth feels the season's joyance; from mountain range to sea the tides of life are flowing, fresh, manifold, and free. In valley and on upland, by forest pathways dim, all nature lifts in chorus the resurrection hymn.

3 O Dawn of life eternal, to thee our hearts up-raise the Easter song of gladness, the Passover of praise. Thine are the many mansions, the dead die not to thee, who fillest from thy fullness time and eternity.

Offertory Words

Offertory Music

*April "Snowdrop," Op. 37a No. 4
by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky*

Meditation

Time for All Ages

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*

Sermon

Easter: :Love Preserving

***Hymn**

Lo, the Earth Awakes Again #61

1 Lo, the earth awakes again--Alleluia! From the winter's bond and pain. Alleluia! Bring we leaf and flower and spray--Alleluia! to adorn this happy day. Alleluia!

2 Once again the word comes true, Alleluia! All the earth shall be made new. Alleluia! Now the dark, cold days are o'er, Alleluia! Spring and gladness are before. Alleluia!

3 Change, then, mourning into praise, Alleluia! And, for dirges, anthems raise. Alleluia! How our spirits soar and sing, Alleluia! How our hearts leap with the spring! Alleluia!

Extinguishing the Chalice

by Alex Holt

Postlude

All of Me
by Jon Schmidt

Ringing the Chime

Participating in today's service:

Rev. Julie Conrady, *Settled Minister*

Nicole Jacobson – *Director of Religious Education*

John Powell – *Offertory*

Cortney Johnson, Erica Howard and the UUCB Choir – *Song Leaders*

Mike Walsh – *Online Video Editor*

Stark Flores – *Worship Associate*

Jim Sullivan – *Choir Director*

Chip Williams – *Pianist*



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

The Religious Education classes (Lower and Upper) have resumed on Sundays in the outdoor classrooms.
Games 1-1:30 p.m. Classrooms 1:30-2:30 p.m.

To add your child to the Religious Education list, call the church office.

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

Our **Sunday Coffee Hour** will be found here: <https://zoom.us/j/95130674649>

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

Wednesdays- <https://zoom.us/j/98656288287> Children's Choir (5–6pm) , Adult Choir (7:00pm)

Use this link to sign up for any of the upcoming Offerings listed below <http://bit.ly/UUCBSpring>

Friday Night Fun – Virtual Painting Class for all ages, continues on Friday, 6-7:30 pm

UPCOMING ADULT ENRICHMENT OFFERINGS (Details are found in the ACE or our Facebook page.)

Book Discussion: Alone by Brett Archibald, led by Rev. Julie Conrady 4/1

Book Discussion: Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times by Katherine May, led by Kim Homer 4/6

Book Discussion: Breathe by Imani Perry, led by Rev. Julie Conrady 4/13

Book Discussion: Existentialism is a Humanism by Sartre, led by Stephen McClurg 4/17

Workshop: Active Hope by Joanna Macy and Christ Johnstone, led by Nicole Jacobson 4/21



The graphic features a blue sky with white clouds and a field of yellow and orange flowers at the bottom. On the left, there is a dark blue square with a white grid pattern and the word "MARGINS" in red, with the tagline "uplifting and strengthening black parents" below it. To the right of the square, the text "Share the Plate - April" is written in a black serif font. Below the square, the text "Our Mission Statement" is followed by a paragraph describing Margins' goal to uplift and strengthen Black women and their ability to parent, and another paragraph stating that Margins listens to and directly addresses issues stemming from systemic poverty by mobilizing resources from multiple channels and putting them to work for the people who need them.

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