

# Congregational Church of Birmingham United Church of Christ

## A Just World for All



## God Is Holding Your Life

**Sunday ~ July 18, 2021 ~ 10:00 AM**

**Welcome Visitors!** We heartily welcome you and hope you enjoy this church home.

**You May Contact** Rev. Ott for any pastoral request or emergency at 989-245-0092 or [REVLRO@aol.com](mailto:REVLRO@aol.com)

**Prayers?** Write them in the book on the Welcome Podium at outdoor worship, or email them to Rev. Ott ([REVLRO@aol.com](mailto:REVLRO@aol.com)) or the church office ([ccbinfo@ccbucc.org](mailto:ccbinfo@ccbucc.org)) to be included in the Sunday prayer time and the Weekly Prayers email.

**Are You in the Loop?** Stay current on CCB news. Contact the church office to receive our email communications.

**View Sunday Worship Broadcasts** and all previously recorded services on the "Congregational Church of Birmingham, United Church of Christ" YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwfTgUDxKOY9u4KkZbExhpw>



Household of Faith, says the water crisis there has taken a turn for the worse. The water supply is contaminated with lead and bacteria. Peace Nick ships them full pallets of water. Please donate to this effort at the Peace Nick website ([www.peacenick.org](http://www.peacenick.org)) and click on "Water Crisis" or directly link to the water donate page: [www.peacenick.org/cgi-bin/index.pl?fs=2&init=1](http://www.peacenick.org/cgi-bin/index.pl?fs=2&init=1). Questions? Call Greg Panzica at (313) 215-5767 or Paul von Oeyen at (248) 891-7509.

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## WELCOME TO A SUMMER OF PSALMS

Pastor Louise

Today's Psalm speaks of an active God whose light shines for all time and in all places. God is not silent, but calls the people to remember that they, too, can act on God's behalf, holding all suffering peoples in hands of prayer and care and transforming the world that will shine bright into the future. May it be so. Let us pray:

Holy One, Light of the World,  
you help us to see and find our way in this time.  
Open us this day to a vision of the world made all-right,  
so that we might alight our own lives to show forth  
your reign on earth as it is in heaven.

**PEOPLE: We praise you for your steadfast presence,  
holding our lives together in love. Amen.**

## OPENING SONG

### "My Life Is in You, Lord"

**Sing Along**

[FWS #2032]

**My life is in you, Lord;  
my strength is in you, Lord;  
my hope is in you, Lord;  
in you, it's in you.**

**My life is in you, Lord;  
my strength is in you, Lord;  
my hope is in you, Lord;  
In you, it's in you.**

**I will praise you with all of my life,  
I will praise you with all of my strength;  
with all of my life, with all of my strength.  
All of my hope is in you.**

**My life is in you, Lord;  
my strength is in you, Lord;  
my hope is in you, Lord;  
in you, it's in you.**

**My life is in you, Lord;  
my strength is in you, Lord;  
my hope is in you, Lord;  
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**In you, it's in you.  
In you, it's in you.**

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OUR PSALM READING Psalm 148 (Iona Abbey p. 255-257) Pastor & People

ONE: Praise God! Shout your praises from the heavens.  
Shout them from the heights.

**ALL: Sing praises, all you angels and heavenly beings.**

ONE: Sing praises, sun and moon, and all you glittering stars.

**ALL: Praise God, you highest heavens,  
you waters above the heavens.**

ONE: Praise the God who called you forth, who established you for ever  
and ever by a decree that will never change.

**ALL: Shout your praises, all the earth,  
you sea monsters, and all depths.**

ONE: Fire and hail, snow and frost, storm winds, fulfilling God's word.

**ALL: You mountains and all you hills,  
you orchards and every cedar.**

ONE: You beasts, both wild and tame; creeping reptiles, flying birds.

**ALL: Monarchs of earth and all people,  
rulers and judges of every land.**

ONE: All siblings alike, young and old together.

**ALL: Praise God, the God above everything.**

ONE: God's splendor above the earth, above the heavens,  
giving strength and hope to the people.

**ALL: God be praised by all the faithful people,  
by people close to God! Alleluia!**

For the word of God in Scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us, **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

OUR PSALM SONG            "The One Is Shining Forth"            Colligan

PSALMS WITH CHILDREN (Online YouTube worship only.)	Dr. Carmel Tinnes, Director of Christian Education
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OUR CONVERSATION            "The Shining One"            Rev. Louise R. Ott

MUSIC OF THE DAY            "I Bring a Heart of Thanks"  
CCB-UCC Choir            Choplin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE            Pastor & People

**THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER OF JESUS**            **All People**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

We continue to pray for:

- All at risk in contracting COVID-19
- Annabelle, Cindy Kyle's mother, frail and living alone at a distance
- Barry McBride, in chemo treatments
- Carmel Tinnes, recovering from total knee replacement surgery
- David, brother of Paul von Oeyen, diagnosed with aggressive leukemia
- Educators in pandemic challenges
- Hoban family, grieving the death of John's father
- Jackie Wagoner, recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Jake Zinke, grieving the death of his grandfather
- Joyce, Pastor Louise and Elaine's friend, with terminal ALS; and cousin Suzy, in hospice care
- Judy, Greg Peterson's aunt, in palliative care with terminal cancer

- Karyn Walack-Otani, grieving the death of her father, Norman
- Kevin Wilson, grieving the death of his father, Neal
- Melissa and Calliope Crook, to be reunited permanently
- Ruth Biersdorf, in treatment for cancer
- Sue Potter, recovering from hip surgery; grieving the death of her Dad; and praying for her brother, Rob, with metastasized cancer in his bones
- Victims of war, violence, and natural disasters everywhere
- We hold CCB families in supportive prayer, especially working adults with children educating at home
- Youth and adults with mental health challenges

## GOD'S PEACE

Pastor Louise

Theology or the study of God grows and changes generation after generation, but we don't ultimately believe that God changes. We change in our understanding of God. And we continue to act on that understanding of God's redemptive, active, and compassionate justice. May we faithfully love and trust this God who inspires and comforts and motivates humanity from age to age.

## CLOSING SONG

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my hope is in you, Lord;  
In you, it's in you.**

**I will praise you with all of my life,  
I will praise you with all of my strength;  
with all of my life, with all of my strength.  
All of my hope is in you.**

**My life is in you, Lord;  
my strength is in you, Lord;  
my hope is in you, Lord;**

**in you, it's in you.**

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my hope is in you, Lord;  
in you, it's in you.**

**In you, it's in you.  
In you, it's in you.**

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OUR BLESSING FROM GOD

Pastor Louise

Now go you shining reflections of the Shining One  
Go in the knowledge that  
God is holding your life.  
Go to be a hope of God that shines  
as we hold each other.  
You are not alone.  
You are loved.  
You are blessed to be a blessing!

POSTLUDE

“Immortal, Invisible” Welsh Hymn Tune/Handel,  
with “Water Music” (Allegro Maestoso) arr. Ham

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**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost.....July 18, 2021**

## **Welcome to CCB-UCC an "Open and Affirming" Church**

We warmly welcome everyone to worship and into the full life and leadership of the church. Whatever your background - your race, your nationality, your physical or mental condition, your gender, your sexual orientation - whoever you are and wherever you come from, we welcome you in love as Jesus Christ welcomes all. Gathered by the Holy Spirit, may the comfort and challenge of God's presence renew and inspire us all throughout the coming week. Again, welcome!



### **A Stephen Ministry Congregation**

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### **CHURCH LEADERSHIP & STAFF**

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Dr. Carmel Tinnes, Director of Christian Education

Dr. Yalan Piao, Accompanist

Rev. Louise R. Ott, Pastor

Dr. Joe Bentley, Choral Director

Beth Prevost, Church Administrator

**Summer Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday, 9:00AM-3:30PM, Closed Friday (thru August)