

**Congregational Church of Birmingham  
United Church of Christ**



**A Just World for All**

**Series Theme: I've Been Meaning to Ask...**

**October 10, 2021  
10:00 AM**

**Welcome Visitors!** We hope you enjoy this church home. Please take a moment to join us in signing and passing our Ritual of Friendship book. We heartily welcome you to this church family.

**Our Nursery** is available during worship. An usher can direct you.

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

**Prayers?** Text them to Rev. Ott (989-245-0092) before 11:30 AM Sunday mornings, or email them to the church office ([ccbinfo@ccbucc.org](mailto:ccbinfo@ccbucc.org)) by 3 PM Friday, so they can be included in the Weekly Prayers email.

**Get in the Loop!** Stay current on CCB news. Contact the church office to receive our email communications.

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

## **WORSHIP GUIDE**

(**Bold** indicates in unison.)

PRESERVICE MUSIC                      "Tear Down the Walls"                      The Many

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS                      Pastor Louise  
(Please sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pad in your pew.)

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## **OUR MINISTRY UPDATES**

**PLEASE STAY IN PLACE** for 15 minutes following the postlude at the end of worship TODAY. Our Media Specialist will use a drone to video record us in the Sanctuary for upcoming advertising clips. **NO AUDIO RECORDING.** This should be accomplished before children need to be picked up from their classes. We are so sorry for the inconvenience and grateful for your cooperation.

**WELCOME TO CCB-UCC LIVE STREAMING!** Worship in our Sanctuary is live streamed so that those unable to be with us in person can worship on-line via our YouTube channel. We are now accessible to everyone. We are grateful to Chris Hiner who has created the technological set up, and for our new Media & Communications Specialist, Andre Sigur, who will run that technology during the service. Interested in how it works? Worship in the balcony and learn the ropes!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwfTgUDxKOY9u4KkZbExhpw>

**I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK – A SERIES FOR CURIOSITY, COURAGE & CONNECTION...** Our next worship and small group series is "conversation in a climate of division." You are invited to the small group conversation by Zoom on Tuesdays at 7 PM, October 12, 19 & 26. There is a journal of art and information to print, background information, video speakers, and conversation prompts. A few copies of the journal are available in the Conference Room. All are invited to the conversation! Check your email for links!

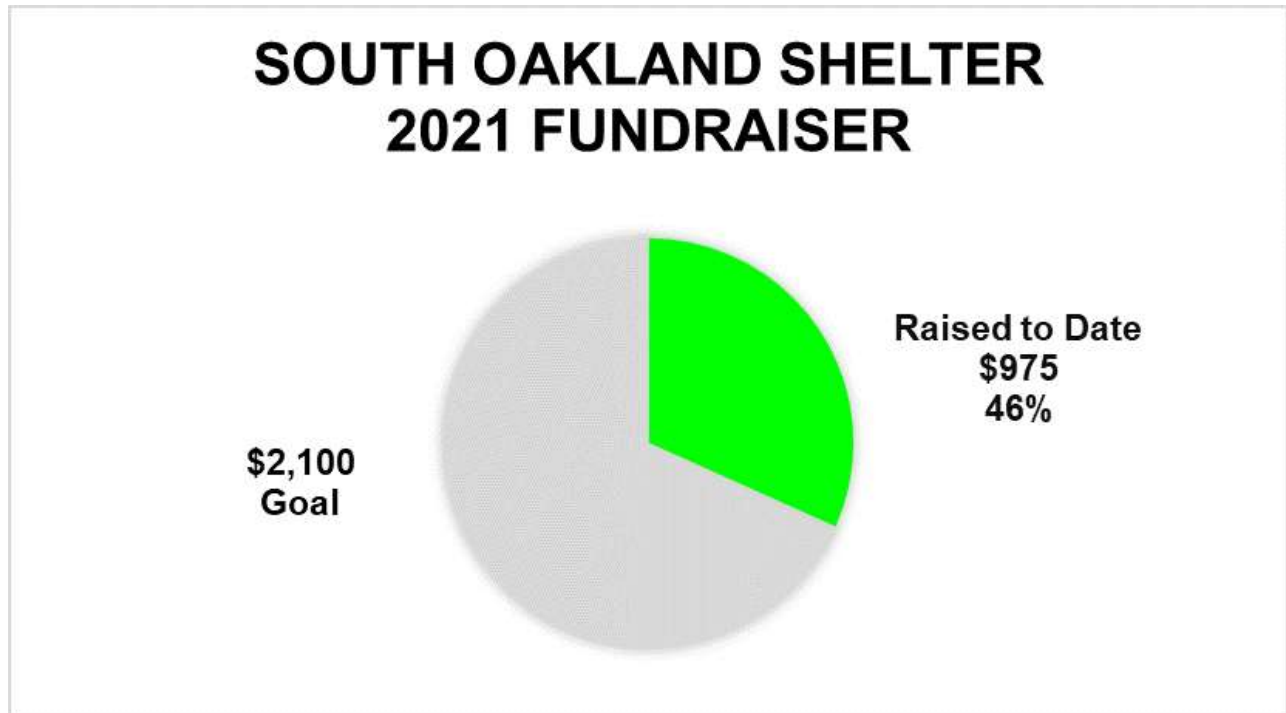
**INDOOR & OUTDOOR WORK DAY:** Join John Benyo (inside) & John Fitzpatrick (outside) this Saturday, October 16, 9 AM – 12 PM (or for as long as you can!) for some much needed work at CCB. Please contact John Benyo (313-701-8377, [johnbenyo@gmail.com](mailto:johnbenyo@gmail.com)) or John Fitzpatrick (616-745-7308, [jfitzpatricjk435@gmail.com](mailto:jfitzpatricjk435@gmail.com)) to confirm your greatly appreciated help.

**CALLING FOR TRUNKS AND TREATS** for Saturday, October 23, 3-5 PM in our church lot. Can you bring treats on a table or in your trunk this year? This is a wonderful way to invite new families to experience our community and deepen relationships among us all at the same time. If you are interested and available to set up a candy station, please contact Jake Zinke [jacob.a.zinke@gmail.com](mailto:jacob.a.zinke@gmail.com)

**TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE CCB-UCC WOMEN'S RETREAT** scheduled for Friday, November 12 through Sunday, November 14. See complete details on the last page of this bulletin or in your emails.

## **CCB-UCC IS (DISTANTLY) HOSTING SOS 2021 – OCTOBER 17-23!**

We have supported South Oakland Shelter (SOS) for many years. Although we can't host SOS guests in our building due to COVID, we can still support them with a financial commitment. CCB and Central Woodward Christian Church (CWCC) have set a goal of raising \$2,100 which will provide 2 meals/day for 30 guests for one week. Here is where we are today:



Make donations online at [www.ccbucc.org](http://www.ccbucc.org), by mail directly to the church (1000 Cranbrook Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304), or by placing them in the offering bags at the worship welcome area before, during and after worship. Please identify all donations specifically "For SOS."

**NO MORE CAPS PLEASE!** For several years, the church has been collecting plastic caps that become colorful benches for schools, parks, etc. (<https://www.greentreeplastics.com/benches/>) At this time, we are unaware of any local organization collecting caps, so please put them in your recycling bin. Thank you.

**SIGN-UP FOR YOUR MINISTRY TEAMS** using the online sign-up sheets, available through the end of the year. Here's the link to the sign up google doc: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-SdAgQsKF\\_zVLNdWYhS-UYS8cuhK1U48\\_GWqE3PH-Bs/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-SdAgQsKF_zVLNdWYhS-UYS8cuhK1U48_GWqE3PH-Bs/edit?usp=sharing) See Cathy Rupert for assistance or with questions.

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(Live Streaming Begins Here)

PRELUDE

“We Gather Together”

Dutch Folk Song,  
arr. Hayes

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD INTO WORSHIP  
Pastor Louise

SONG

“Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race”  
(stanzas 1-4)

**Sing Along**  
[CH #485]

**Diverse in culture, nation, race,  
we come together by your grace.  
God, let us be a meeting ground  
where hope and healing love are found.**

**God, let us be a bridge of care  
connecting people ev’rywhere.  
Help us confront all fear and hate  
and lust for pow’r that separate.**

**When chasms widen, storms arise,  
O Holy Spirit, make us wise.  
Let our resolve, like steel, be strong  
to stand with those who suffer wrong.**

**God, let us be a table spread  
with gifts of love and broken bread,  
where all find welcome, grace attends,  
and enemies arise as friends.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:35-50

Chris & Ruth Hiner

The next day, John was there again, and two of his followers were with him. When he saw Jesus walking by, he said, “Here is the Lamb of God!” John’s two followers heard him, and they went with Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them, he asked, “What do you want?” They answered, “Rabbi, where do you live?” The Hebrew word “Rabbi” means “Teacher.” Jesus replied, “Come and see!” It was already about four o’clock in the afternoon when they went with him and saw where he lived. So they stayed on (continued)

for the rest of the day. One of the two men who had heard John and had gone with Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother and tell him, "We have found the Messiah!" The Hebrew word "Messiah" means the same as the Greek word "Christ." Andrew brought his brother to Jesus. And when Jesus saw him, he said, "Simon son of John, you will be called Cephas." This name can be translated as "Peter."<sup>[a]</sup>

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. There he met Philip, who was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. Jesus said to Philip, "Come with me." Philip then found Nathanael and said, "We have found the one that Moses and the Prophets<sup>[b]</sup> wrote about. He is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Philip answered, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said, "Here is a true descendant of our ancestor Israel. And he isn't deceitful."<sup>[c]</sup> "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." Nathanael said, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God and the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Did you believe me just because I said that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see something even greater."

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!**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Dr. Carmel Tinnes,  
Director of Christian Education

(Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade children may now go to their lessons.)

MUSIC OF THE DAY

"Tear Down the Walls"

The Many

OUR CONVERSATION

"Where Are You From?"

Rev. Louise R. Ott

Video: Dr. Raj Nadella, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA

TRUTH TELLING

ONE: When people heard that Jesus was from Nazareth,  
they asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

**ALL: God of beginnings, we have asked the same question.**

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ONE: Can anything good come from that side of town?

**ALL: From a school with poor test scores?**

ONE: From a criminal history?

**ALL: From the opposite political party?**

ONE: From a history of addiction?

**ALL: From a faith with doubt?**

ONE: From a church with faults?

**ALL: Holy God, forgive us for doubting  
that you are in all things at all times.  
Open our eyes to see your goodness,  
not as something that resides here or there,  
but as the expansive grace that it is.**

ONE: Can anything good come from there?

**ALL: Yes. Always yes. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor & People

ONE: God be with you!

**ALL: And also with you!**

ONE: Let us pray.

**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
- Ally, Cynthia Martin's granddaughter, whose face was bitten by a dog
- Annabelle, Cindy Kyle's mother, frail and living alone at a distance
- Ben Sharpe, with depression challenges
- Calliope Crook, daughter of Melissa, granddaughter of Brenda, and niece of Kristine, as the courts make custody decisions

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- David, brother of Paul von Oeyen, diagnosed with aggressive leukemia
- Educators and families in pandemic challenges
- Jackie & Cliff Wagoner, both transitioning to new homes at Blossom Springs and Blossom Ridge, respectively
- Judy, Greg Peterson's aunt, in palliative care with terminal cancer
- Nate Ballard, extended family of Greg & Mary Peterson, in hospice care; and prayers for Nate's daughters Debra, Susan, Dawn & Lisa
- 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
- Suzy, Pastor Louise's California cousin, in hospice care
- Victims of war, violence, and natural disasters everywhere
- Wilda, Greg Peterson's mother
- Youth and adults with mental health challenges

## **CLOSING SONG**

## **"You Are the Seed"**

(stanza 1 & refrain)

## **Sing Along**

[CH #478]

**You are the seed  
that will grow a new sprout;  
you're a star  
that will shine in the night;  
you are the yeast  
and a small grain of salt,  
a beacon to glow in the dark.  
You are the dawn  
that will bring a new day;  
you're the wheat  
that will bear golden grain;  
you are a sting  
and a soft, gentle touch,  
my witnesses wher-e'er you go.**

### **Refrain:**

**Go, my friends, go to the world,  
proclaiming love to all,  
messengers of my forgiving peace,  
eternal love.**

(continued)



**Be, my friends, a loyal witness,  
from the dead I arose;  
“Lo, I’ll be with you forever,  
till the end of the world.”**

OUR BLESSING FROM GOD

Pastor Louise

Family of faith, as you leave this place,  
may God grant you the curiosity to counter assumptions,  
the vulnerability to befriend, the bravery to speak your truth,  
the wisdom to listen, the strength to ask for help,  
the resiliency to choose love, even when it’s hard,  
and the awareness of the Holy Spirit always inside you.

In the name of the Great Connector—Love itself, go in peace.

The peace of Christ is with you!

**And also with you! Amen.**

OUR GIFTS & SERVICE

Your offering is welcomed in support of our ministry and may be made online at [www.ccbucc.org](http://www.ccbucc.org); placed in the offering bags at the worship welcome area before, during, and after worship; or mailed to the church.

POSTLUDE

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”  
Prelude from *L’arlésienne* Suite No. 1  
“March of the Three Kings”

Hughes/Bizet,  
arr. Ham

**Credits:** A Sanctified Art LLC, [www.sanctifiedart.org](http://www.sanctifiedart.org); Dr. Raj Nadella, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA; CCLI #741179.

**WE THANK** our greeters, ushers, readers, Tech Team: Andre Sigur & Chris Hiner, Worship Design Team: Leslie O’Day-Benyo & Elaine Winter, and Music Team: Joe Bentley & Yalan Piao, for all their help with today’s service.

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## What's Happening @ CCB-UCC This Week

**Bold** indicates CCB and/or UCC related event. Regular font indicates outside usage.

<b>Sunday</b> <b><u>10/10/21</u></b>	<b>9:45 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>Nursery</b> <b>Worship</b> (S and/or YouTube) <b>Sunday School</b> (classrooms)
<b>Monday</b> <b><u>10/11/21</u></b>	7:00 AM 12:00 PM <b>7:00 PM</b>	Sober Morning AA (outside or AR) New Beginnings of B.H. AA (outside or AR & FH) <b>Stephen Ministry Meeting</b> (Zoom)
<b>Tuesday</b> <b><u>10/12/21</u></b>	6:00 AM 12:00 PM <b>7:00 PM</b>	Madeleine's French Patisserie (K & P) New Beginnings of B.H. AA (outside or AR & FH) <b>"I've Been Meaning to Ask"</b> (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b> <b><u>10/13/21</u></b>	7:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Sober Morning AA (outside or AR) New Beginnings Al-Anon (outside or AR) New Beginnings of B.H. AA (outside or AR & FH)
<b>Thursday</b> <b><u>10/14/21</u></b>	6:00 AM 9:30 AM 12:00 PM <b>7:15 PM</b> 7:30 PM	Madeleine's French Patisserie (K & P) Birmingham Strings Rehearsal (FH) New Beginnings of B.H. AA (outside or AR & FH) <b>Vision Circle Meeting</b> (Zoom) Nan's Group Women's AA (outside or AR)
<b>Friday</b> <b><u>10/15/21</u></b>	7:00 AM 12:00 PM	Sober Morning AA (outside or AR) New Beginnings of B.H. AA (outside or AR & FH)
<b>Saturday</b> <b><u>10/16/21</u></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (S) <b>Indoor &amp; Outdoor Work Day</b> (to 12 PM) <b>UCC MI Conf. Annual Gathering</b> (Zoom)
<b>Sunday</b> <b><u>10/17/21</u></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>9:45 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (S) <b>Nursery</b> <b>Worship</b> (S and/or YouTube) <b>Sunday School</b> (classrooms)

The complete church calendar is on our website: [www.ccbucc.org](http://www.ccbucc.org)

## CCB-UCC's Women's Retreat



### **Rooted in Love Planted by Streams of Living Water**

Sign up today to join a wonderful group of CCB-UCC women at Windrise Retreat Center in Metamora, MI for a time to renew, refresh, recenter, and re-connect with God and one another.

Cost is \$300.00 per participant for materials, facility and meals. Scholarships are available, please contact Carmel ([Carmelf711@yahoo.com](mailto:Carmelf711@yahoo.com) or 413.404.5611) if you are interested.

**Spaces are limited!  
Reserve your place!**

**Contact Beth – [ccbinfo@ccbucc.org](mailto:ccbinfo@ccbucc.org)**

## Schedule

### Friday, November 12

- 6:30ish (p.m.) Dinner
- 7:30 Opening Session
  - Theme introduction
  - Scripture exploration
- 8:30 Reconnection time

### Saturday, November 13

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Morning Session
- 10:30 Activity/Reflection Options
  - Art options
  - Nature walks
  - Conversation opportunities
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Afternoon Session #1
- 2:30 Activity/Reflection Options
- 4:00 Afternoon Session #2
- 5:30 Break
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Evening Session

### Sunday, November 14

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:00 Closing Session
- 8:30 Those who want to return for worship will head to CCB-UCC, others can remain at Windrise through the morning for walks/conversation.

Sign up ASAP contact Beth at [ccbinfo@ccbucc.org](mailto:ccbinfo@ccbucc.org)  
November 1 – Monies due.  
Indicate Women's Retreat in the memo.

# A Just World for All

**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost.....October 10, 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**

Contact a Stephen Minister Leader:

Dr. Paul von Oeyen 248-646-0837

Rev. Louise R. Ott 989-245-0092

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### **CHURCH LEADERSHIP & STAFF**

**Ministers - The Congregation**

**Rev. Louise R. Ott, Pastor**

**Dr. Carmel Tinnes, Director of Christian Education**

**Dr. Joe Bentley, Choral Director**

**Dr. Yalan Piao, Accompanist**

**Jasmin West, Preschool/Early Elementary Teacher**

**Andre Sigur, Media & Communications Specialist**

**Beth Prevost, Church Administrator**

**Office Hours: Open Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM, lunch break 12:30 PM-1:00 PM**