

Congregational Church of Birmingham United Church of Christ



Sharing Christ's love; seeking justice and healing for all God's creation.
And to this end, we join together to build a community marked by:

- Genuine Relationships
- Partnerships for Social Action
- Faith Sharing among People of All Ages
- Commitment to Environmental Justice

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 2022
10:00 AM

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

You May Contact Rev. Ralph Brown for any pastoral request or emergency at 586-872-1618 or brown.ralph.h@gmail.com

Prayer Requests? Text Rev. Brown (586-872-1618) by 9:30 AM Sunday for inclusion in the Sunday morning prayers, and/or by 11:00 AM to be included in the Weekly Prayers email.

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

View Sunday Worship Live Streams and all previously recorded services at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CongregationalChurchofBirminghamUCC>

OUR WORSHIP IS LIVE STREAMED so that those unable to be with us in person can worship online on our YouTube channel (see link below).

We're happy to be accessible to everyone and are deeply grateful to Chris Hiner for creating the technological set up! Our Media & Communications Specialist, Daniel Jaros, runs the streaming technology during the service. We invite others to be trained to monitor the sound and live chat.

Interested in how it works? Observe Daniel and learn the ropes!

<https://www.youtube.com/c/CongregationalChurchofBirminghamUCC>

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL - The children will meet in one group in the veggie garden area – through the hedge at the south end of the parking lot – or in the Arlund Room if inclement weather. Please drop them off before worship begins and pick them up as soon as the Postlude is completed.

This summer, they'll learn about the **Heifer Project**, an international program designed to assist impoverished people to become self-sustaining. The congregation will be invited to donate to this program. Members of 4-H who raise animals will visit with our children to teach about animal care!

In July, volunteers will lead a story and play time. Stories will be provided. Please contact Carmel with your availability ASAP to lead/assist at: carmelf711@yahoo.com. We'll need to background check all Leaders who haven't already had one through CCBUCC. **NOTE: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN AUGUST.** Classes resume indoors after Labor Day weekend.

WORSHIP GUIDE

(**Bold** indicates in unison.)
[Live Streaming Begins Here]

WELCOME

Pastor Ralph

PRELUDE

"How Great Is Our God"

Reeves/Tomlin/Cash,
arr. Alex-Zsolt

SONG

"Spirit, Come, Dispel Our Sadness"

CH #253

(tune of Chalice #2 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" [Beethoven's *Ode to Joy*])

**Spirit, come, dispel our sadness;
pierce the clouds of nature's night;
come, O Source of joy and gladness,
breathe your life and spread your light.
From the height that knows no measure,
as a gracious shower descend,
bringing down the richest treasure
we can wish, or God can send.**

**Let your fire heal our dissensions,
let your flame refine our goals,
let your peace resolve our tensions,
send your dove to soothe our souls.
Let your wind flow fresh within us,
sweeping clean all hate and strife
from our hearts; O come and win us
for a more abundant life.**

**Author of the new creation,
come, anoint us with your power.
Make our hearts your habitation;
with your grace our spirits shower.
Hear, O hear our supplication,
blessed Spirit, God of peace!
Rest upon this congregation
with the fullness of your grace.**

Please pray with me:

**God, our refuge and our hope,
 come among us today to give us energy and purpose.
 Free us from the shackles of fear and failure
 that keep us from stepping bravely into your future.
 Help us know we are not alone but are part of a great company
 of your faithful people in every nation and of every tongue.
 We ask this in the name of your Holy Spirit
 that moves within each of us and among all of us.
 Amen.**

RESPONSE

"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

CH #248

(modified from verses 1 & 3)

**Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove,
 with all your quickening powers;
 come, shed abroad the Savior's love,
 and teach our hearts to praise.**

THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 19:1-15a NRSV

Joe Bentley

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the

strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

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!**

SONG

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

CH #631

(verses 1 & 3)

**Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.**

**Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.**

**God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,**

(continued)

keep us forever in the path, we pray.

**Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.**

OUR CONVERSATION

Rev. Ralph Brown

"Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor and People

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

All People

Our Loving God beyond and within, holy is your name.

**Your community come, your way be followed 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 yours is the way, the power and the glory,
now and forever.**

Amen.

We Continue to Pray for:

- Afghan and Ukrainian citizens and refugees, in dire circumstances seeking safety and peace
- All at risk in contracting COVID-19
- Ben Sharpe, seeking effective treatment for anxiety and depression
- Bob Rauth and family, grieving the death of wife, Marilyn
- Cindy Kyle and family, grieving the death of mother, Annabelle
- Cliff & Jacquie Wagoner, adjusting in their new spaces
- David, brother of Paul von Oeyen, gratefully in remission from leukemia, and dealing with lingering complications from decreased immunity
- Elie Schulz, recovering from ACL repair surgery
- Greg Peterson and family, grieving the death of aunt, Judy Brooks
- Jean Thomson, in assisted living following a stroke
- Jeff Foust's mother, diagnosed with breast cancer
- Liz Kircos, in rehab following hip surgery after a fall
- Lynn McClinton, Leslie Benyo's sister, recovering from a mild stroke and dealing with other infirmities

- Mary Peterson and family, grieving the death of mother, Edith Price
- Melissa Crook and family, separated from daughter, Calliope
- Oxford students, teachers, and all families, grieving in the wake of gun violence
- Ruth Biersdorf, in treatment for cancer
- Shirley Fogarty, recovering in Rhode Island after a fall
- Sue Potter and family, mourning the death of brother, Robert
- Uvalde families, classmates, teachers, school staff, first responders, healthcare workers, and all grieving in the aftermath of tragic gun violence
- Victims of war, violence, and natural disasters everywhere
- Youth and adults with mental health challenges

OUR GIFTS & SERVICE

Your offering is welcomed in support of our ministry and may be made online at www.ccbucc.org; placed in the offering plate at the entrance to the worship area (before, during, or after worship); or mailed to us Attn: Treasurer.

SONG

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

CH #575

**Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.**

**Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.**

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**In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

Pastor Ralph and All

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in God,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Trading My Sorrows"

Evans, arr. Alex-Zsolt

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**Immediately after sharing
Joys, Concerns & Ministry Updates
those wishing to remain may do so for the
Blessing of the Pets and People.**

WE THANK our greeters, ushers, liturgist, Tech Team: Daniel Jaros & Chris Hiner, Worship Design Team: Leslie O'Day-Benyo & Margherita Fisher, and Music Team: Joe Bentley & Yalan Piao, for all their help with today's service.

JOYS, CONCERNS & MINISTRY UPDATES

Pastor Ralph

(Please sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pad.)

OUR MINISTRY UPDATES

WORSHIP IN THE GARDEN! Outdoor worship begins TODAY, and continues through Labor Day weekend. Join us for worship under the trees – weather permitting of course!

HELP NEEDED FOR WORSHIP IN THE GARDEN! We're looking for 1-2 volunteers to help set up chairs under the trees at 9:15 AM before worship each Sunday through Labor Day weekend. If you can help out one or two Sundays a month, we can set up a mutually agreeable schedule. To join in this fellowship, please contact Galen Fisher [248-705-2183], Pastor Ralph, or use the Ministry Teams Google sign-up document.

PRIDE MONTH INTERGENERATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION: Led by Dr. Camel Tinnes TODAY, after worship under the big oak tree near the Memorial Garden (weather permitting). The discussion is open to older children, teens, and adults (suggested for 8 years and up).

"BE WHO YOU ARE. When people look at Melissa, they think they see a boy named George. But she knows she is not a boy. She knows she is a girl." June's reading selection is recommended from our UCC Conference. Parents need to know the book contains bullying, deadnaming, transphobia, and homophobia, and may want to read the book before presenting it to your child. "Melissa" (formerly published as "George") by Alex Gino, is available for purchase in all formats.

MOMS DEMAND ACTION – LET'S DO SOMETHING!

To the CCBUCC Community from Sarah Weston:

If you're like me the school shooting at Uvalde has shaken something loose. I can't let this idle rage continue to simmer, but I'm not sure what to do to fix the problem.

If you are also searching for a way to get involved in the fight against gun violence please join us after worship next Sunday, June 26, at 11:30 AM, for an informational meeting with a local leader from *Moms Demand Action* (MDA) to learn about what steps we can take to actually start DOING something. Weather permitting this event will be outside, so please bring a chair and RSVP to this event at: <https://act.everytown.org/event/moms-demand-action-event/45402/>

We hope to see you there and hope you each invite a few like-minded friends to join us for this conversation. At the end of this meeting I don't think we'll have all the answers, but I believe we'll have direction as to how to put one foot in front of another to start on this path.

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Here are additional resources and action items:

1. Check out <https://momsdemandaction.org/>
2. Wear orange – or red! Get your Moms Demand Action t-shirt. I got mine off Etsy. But there's lots of options:
 - a. All T-Shirts: <https://store.everytown.org/collections/t-shirts>
 - b. Classic Red Moms T-Shirt: <https://store.everytown.org/.../moms-demand-action-t-shirt>
 - c. Wear Orange Gear: <https://store.everytown.org/collections/wear-orange>
3. Take a picture of yourself wearing orange and post it to social media using #WearOrange. If you go to this site, you can upload the photo and have a Wear Orange image created to share on Facebook or Twitter. <https://wearorange.org/wear-orange/>
4. Want to get involved before June 26? Find more Wear Orange events at: <https://act.everytown.org/event/wear-orange-2022/search/>
5. Urge your elected officials to DO SOMETHING to help our kids. Go to: <https://act.everytown.org/sign/senate-act05252022>

VEGGIE GARDEN UPDATE: In the last two weeks, we got a bunch more plants in the ground: eggplant, zucchini, peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, and yellow squash. The lettuce and kale, celery and chives are growing like crazy. And we may have some prize winning thistle too!

Fun story: a few weeks ago, we forgot to close the gate on our way out. It sat open all afternoon until we went back and closed it that evening, unknowingly trapping a bunny inside the impenetrable fence line. We let the bunny spend a few days at the buffet, triggering the motion activated camera at night. But then we finally tracked him down and shooed him out to go rejoin his cousins in the woods.

If you want to keep tabs remotely, here's a link with an album of recent photos and weather data: <http://bit.ly/CCBUCCgarden>

MINISTRY TEAMS SIGN-UP: Use the following link to the Google sheets sign-up documents for all CCBUCC Ministry Teams throughout the year: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-SdAgQsKF_zVLNdWYhS-UYS8cuhK1U48_GWqE3PH-Bs/edit#gid=0 Check often for continuing and new opportunities to participate. Access the document as many times as you wish. Change/update your choices as needed. Questions? Email Cathy Rupert cathyrupert@hotmail.com

What's Happening @ CCBUCC This Week

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

Sunday <u>6/19/22</u>	10:00 AM	Worship (outside, or S and/or YouTube) & Summer Sunday School (veggie garden or AR)
	11:00 AM	Social Hour (outside or FH)
	11:15 AM	"Melissa" Book Discussion (Memorial Garden or AR)
Monday <u>6/20/22</u>	7:00 AM	Sober Morning AA (AR)
	12:00 PM	New Beginnings of Bloomfield Hills AA (AR & FH)
Tuesday <u>6/21/22</u>	12:00 PM	New Beginnings of Bloomfield Hills AA (AR & FH)
	3:00 PM	Madeleine's French Patisserie (K & P)
Wednesday <u>6/22/22</u>	7:00 AM	Sober Morning AA (AR)
	10:00 AM	New Beginnings Al-Anon (AR)
	12:00 PM	New Beginnings of Bloomfield Hills AA (AR & FH)
Thursday <u>6/23/22</u>	12:00 PM	New Beginnings of Bloomfield Hills AA (AR & FH)
	3:00 PM	Madeleine's French Patisserie (K & P)
	7:30 PM	Nan's Group Women's AA (AR & L)
Friday <u>6/24/22</u>	7:00 AM	Sober Morning AA (AR)
	12:00 PM	New Beginnings of Bloomfield Hills AA (AR & FH)
Saturday <u>6/25/22</u>		Nothing Today
Sunday <u>6/26/22</u>	10:00 AM	Worship (outside, or S and/or YouTube) & Summer Sunday School (veggie garden or AR)
	11:00 AM	Social Hour (outside or FH)
	11:30 AM	Moms Demand Action Gathering (outside or S)
Monday <u>6/27/22</u>	7:00 AM	Sober Morning AA (AR)
	12:00 PM	New Beginnings of Bloomfield Hills AA (AR & FH)
	7:30 PM	Leadership Assembly Meeting (Zoom)

The complete church calendar is on our website: www.ccbucc.org

A Just World for All

Second Sunday after Pentecost.....June 19, 2022

Welcome to CCBUCC 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

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Ministers - The Congregation

Dr. Carmel Tinnes, Director of Christian Education

Dr. Yalan Piao, Accompanist

Daniel Jaros, Media & Communications Specialist

Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM, Lunch Break: 12:30 PM-1:00 PM

Rev. Ralph Brown, Bridge Pastor

Dr. Joe Bentley, Choral Director

Jasmin West, Preschool/Early Elementary Teacher

Beth Prevost, Church Administrator