

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



*Prepared, Hannah Garrity, 2022.*

**Easter Sunday  
March 31, 2024  
10:00 AM**

**Welcome Visitors!** Please take a moment to fill out one of the Welcome Cards you'll find in your pew so we can keep in touch. Welcome to our church family!

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

**You May Contact** Rev. Shane Montoya for any pastoral request or emergency by text or phone call to 248-633-8526 or email to: *pastorshane@cbbucc.org*

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

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

**OUR SERVICE IS LIVE STREAMED** on our YouTube channel (see link above). We're happy to be widely accessible and grateful to those who mastered the technology that made the stream possible. You're invited to learn how it works and how to help. See Dan Jaros up in the Choir Loft.

**THE NURSERY IS OPEN!** Elie Schulz will care for our littlest ones during worship. On your child's first stay, an adult will fill out a registration form. For safety, children must be signed in and out only by an authorized adult. Invite visitors to meet Elie and register their little ones.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** All children (pre-K - 6<sup>th</sup> grade) are welcome. They will go to their lessons at the instructed time during worship each Sunday. Please pick them up from their classrooms no later than 11:15 AM.

**PLEASE COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORMS** for ALL children & youth in our Christian Education programming. Find the form at the back of the Sanctuary, on our website (*[www.cbbucc.org](http://www.cbbucc.org)*) or linked in the Weekly E-Update MailChimp email. Return completed forms to Carmel's mailbox, or email BOTH SIDES to her at: *cedirector@cbbucc.org*

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## **WORSHIP GUIDE**

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WELCOME

Pastor Shane

THRESHOLD MOMENT

“New Life Is Right Here”  
by Rev. Sarah Speed

Leslie O’Day-Benyo

Maybe today we can take a moment.  
Maybe today we can silence the inner critic.  
Maybe today we can leave perfection at the door.  
Maybe today we can allow ourselves to be here.  
Maybe that’s all that matters. Maybe this sunrise is for us.  
Maybe these Hallelujahs are for us.  
Maybe the hope blooming in my chest is for us.  
Maybe the resurrection was not just about God’s body,  
but is about our body.  
Maybe this new life reaches all the way to the edges.  
Maybe we are free to live in a new way  
where love is the currency and we are enough.  
Maybe that’s what this is all about—  
not a relentless pursuit of more  
but God’s relentless pursuit of me.  
New life is right here.  
Like the women—say it out loud. Like Peter—run that way.

PRELUDE

“Toccatina and Fugue in F Major”  
David Stewart, Guest Organist

J.N. Seger

OPENING LITANY AND PRAYER

Leslie O’Day-Benyo

One: This day is not like any other day.

**All: Today we slow down. Today we take it all in.  
Today we rest in good news.**

One: This day is not like any other day.

**All: Today we are singing. Today we are full to the brim.  
Today joy cannot be contained.**

One: This day is not like any other day.

**All: Today the stone was rolled away. Today the women saw the  
empty grave. Today we know—death does not win.** (continued)

One: This day is not like any other day. Let us pray:

**All: Holy God, we so often long for more. We want more than comparison and competition. We want more than certainty that drowns out curiosity. We want more than fear that leads to violence. We want a life that is teeming with alleluias. We want a life overcrowded with hope. We want a life congested with good news. We want a life jam-packed with forgiveness. So today we pray: Dust the cobwebs from our ears. Clear space in our minds to hear you clearly. Speak to us as only you can. Gratefully we pray, Alleluia and amen.**

**SONG**

**“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

**CH #216**

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!**

**All creation, join to say, Alleluia!**

**Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!**

**Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!**

**Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!**

**Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!**

**Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!**

**Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!**

**Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!**

**Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!**

**Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!**

**Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!**

**Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Luke 24:1-12 (TIB)**

**Chris Mead**

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women came to the tomb bringing the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled back from the tomb; but when they entered the tomb, they didn’t find the body of Jesus. While they were still at a loss over what to think of this, two

figures in dazzling garments stood beside them. Terrified, the women bowed to the ground.

The two said to them, "Why do you search for the Living One among the dead? Jesus is not here; Christ has risen. Remember what Jesus said to you while still in Galilee— that the Chosen One must be delivered into the hands of sinners and be crucified, and on the third day would rise again."

With this reminder, the words of Jesus came back to them. When they had returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but the story seemed like nonsense and they refused to believe them. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. He stooped down, but he could see nothing but the wrappings. So he went away, full of amazement at what had occurred.

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!**

THE WORD IN MUSIC

"Hallelujah Chorus"  
from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel,  
arr. A. & M. Podd

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Dr. Carmel Tinnes,  
Director of Christian Education

**THE PRAYER OF JESUS**

**All People**

**Abba God, your name is holy.  
May your community come and your way be followed  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us, today, our daily bread.  
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
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.**

(Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade children may now go to their lessons. Please pick them up from their classrooms no later than 11:15 AM.)

OUR CONVERSATION

“An Expansive Life”

Rev. Shane Montoya

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Pastor Shane

What does an expansive and abundant life look like for you?

For our communities?

For our world?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Shane

(Please email your Continuing Prayer requests to the Church Office or  
Pastor Shane to have them included in the Weekly Prayers email.)

We Continue to Pray for:

- All those imprisoned, and all those who are mistreated and tortured
- All victims, survivors, families and communities, grieving in the wake of gun violence
- All victims of war, violence and natural disasters
- Youth and adults with mental health challenges

OUR GIFTS & SERVICE

Pastor Shane

Your offering is welcomed in support of our ministry. Make it online at: [www.ccbucc.org](http://www.ccbucc.org); place it in the offering plate at the entrance to the worship area (before, during, or after worship); or mail it to us Attn: Treasurer.

**HYMN**

**“Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us”**

**CH #231**

**Sing of one who walks beside us  
and this day is living still,  
one who now is closer to us  
than the thoughts our hearts distill,  
Christ who once upon a hilltop,  
raised against the power of sin,  
died in love as his own creatures  
crucified their God and Friend!**

**We have walked with him as strangers  
through the journey of the day,  
and have told him of the violence**

**that has swept our hope away.  
He has offered words of comfort,  
words of energy and light.  
Did our hearts not blaze within us  
as he broke the bread this night?**

**Risen one, stay with us, raise us,  
once again the night is near.  
Dine with us and share your wisdom,  
free our hearts from ev'ry fear.  
In the calm of each new evening,  
in the freshness of each dawn,  
if you hold us fast in friendship  
we will never be alone.**

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Pastor Shane and All

One: From this Easter celebration,

**All: we go forth to live resurrection.**

One: In the name of the God who makes us,

**All: in the name of the Christ who makes us free,**

One: in the name of the Spirit who makes us one. Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary"

J. Travers

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**WE THANK** our greeters, ushers, guest organist, readers, Tech Team: Dan Jaros & Sam Srauy, Worship Design Team: Leslie O'Day-Benyo & John Benyo, and Music Team: Joe Bentley & Yalan Piao, for all their help with today's service.

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JOYS, CONCERNS & MINISTRY UPDATES

Pastor Shane

(Visitors, please complete a Welcome Card and leave it on the pew seat. Thank you.)

## MINISTRY UPDATES

### GET READY TO RUMMAGE!!!

Here's the official schedule for CCB's 2024 Rummage Sale. All are welcome to donate, volunteer, take part and tell your friends to do the same! This is an all-church event, so it's time to sign up now with Pat Parker!

#### Saturday, April 13:

- 10 AM-Noon – Move racks from garage and set up tables

#### Sunday, April 14:

- 11 AM-5 PM – Drop off and begin sorting after church

#### Monday, April 15:

- 9 AM-5 PM – Drop off, sort and organize

#### Tuesday, April 16:

- 9 AM-5 PM – Sort, price and organize

#### Wednesday, April 17:

- Noon-5 PM – Complete sorting, pricing, final prep including cashiers
- 5 PM-8:30 PM – OPENING NIGHT SALE (No surcharge!)

#### Thursday, April 18:

- 11 AM-3 PM – HALF PRICE SALE (some items excluded)
- 3 PM-7 PM – BAG SALE (\$3 per brown paper bag. \$5 per large, white plastic bag. Bags available at the door!)

#### Friday, April 19:

- 10 AM-4 PM – Clean up

#### Saturday, April 20:

- 10 AM-4 PM – Final clean up (Put church back together. Move books to Fellowship Hall.)

#### Sunday, April 21:

- 11 AM – Book Sale in Fellowship Hall

#### Monday, April 22:

- Pick up – Time TBD

**IT'S BROOKER SCHOLARSHIP TIME AGAIN!!** You are invited to apply for the Kenneth Brooker Endowed Scholarship. Application Deadline: Monday, April 15, 2024. Scholarship awards will be announced and presented at a CCBUCC worship service in mid-May or early June. A Scholarship is awarded to a student who:



1. Is a current member of CCBUCC and has attended CCBUCC for the three (3) consecutive years preceding the application;
2. Is active in church activities and any of the following: community service activities, extracurricular activities, or is working to pay for his/her education; and
3. Will be attending, or currently attends, a traditional two or four-year undergraduate college or trade school.

Applicants must supply evidence of high school graduation and acceptance at a two or four-year undergraduate college or trade school. Previous recipients may apply for renewal of the scholarship. The Initial Application and Renewal Application forms are available in the church office, on the website ([www.ccbucc.org](http://www.ccbucc.org)), or by clicking the links in the Friday E-Update.

**UPCOMING SUNDAY COMMA CONVERSATIONS** - Mark your calendars:

- April 21 (AR) – Environmental Justice
- May 19 (AR) – Open & Affirming Update

**SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!** It's set for the evening of Monday, August 19, 2024. Let Carmel Tinnes or Jake Zinke know if you'd like to volunteer.

**PLEASE SEND ALL BULLETIN & FRIDAY E-UPDATE CONTENT** to the church office ([ccbinfo@ccbucc.org](mailto:ccbinfo@ccbucc.org)) by 9 AM Tuesday for the Sunday Bulletins, and by 12 PM Thursday for the Friday Weekly E-Update emails.

**ONLINE ACCESS TO CCB DOCUMENTS!** Church leadership has created a folder in the CCB Google Drive for you to access information pertaining to our church. You can use the Google Drive to access updated: CCBUCC Annual Reports, Vision Circle and Leadership Assembly Meeting Minutes, the final Future Church report, the Bylaws, and the Organization for Ministry Document. For full access to the Google Drive at your convenience copy this link: *Church Organization- All Access - Google Drive*

**SCHEDULE TIME WITH PASTOR SHANE IN CALENDLY!** This website checks his schedule for open times, and puts YOU in control of when and where to meet. Here's the link: <https://calendly.com/ccbpastor/meet>

**MINISTRY TEAMS SIGN-UP:** Link (<https://tinyurl.com/ccbminsignup>) to the Google sheets sign-up documents for all CCBUCC Ministry Teams throughout the year. Check for continuing and new opportunities to participate. Access the document whenever you wish and update your choices as needed. Questions? Email Justin Zeller at [jzeller12@gmail.com](mailto:jzeller12@gmail.com)



## 2024 EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS & DEDICATIONS – THANK YOU!



Lucy Benham.....	In Memory of Weltha Miles
Sharon Cameron.....	In Memory of My Parents, Sister & Husband
Brenda Crook.....	In Memory of My Parents, Mary & George Sweet
Galen & Margherita Fisher.....	In Honor of Pastor Shane's First Year at CCB
Leona Gates.....	In Memory of Charles Gates
Cindy & Eric Hill.....	In Memory of Loved Ones
Cindy Kyle & John Lindstrom.....	In Memory of Cindy's Parents, Woody & Annabelle Kyle
	In Honor of John's Father, John R. Lindstrom
Cynthia Martin.....	In Memory of Robert Martin
Deuane & Mary Ann Martin.....	In Memory of Our Parents, Comer & Nancy Martin and William & Sophie Sewell
Bob & Sara Maxfield.....	In Memory of Bob & Katharine Maxfield
	In Memory of Tom & Ruby Meriwether
Carol McAdam.....	In Memory of Malcolm McAdam
Susan McBride.....	In Memory of Barry McBride
	In Honor of Jean Barrie's Birthday
Chris Mead.....	In Memory of Marilyn Mead
The Potters.....	In Memory of Marian & Bill Potter
	In Memory of George, Robert & Posey Whitehead
Larry Reeve.....	Dedicated to Tonda, Kristen, Livvie and Bette
Bob Smith.....	In Memory of Sharon Smith

(You may take your plant/s home after worship. Thank You!)

## What's Happening @ CCBUCC This Week

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

<b><u>Easter</u></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (S)
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>Nursery</b>
<b><u>3/31/24</u></b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b> (S and/or YouTube)
	<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b> (Classrooms)
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Social Hour</b> (FH)
	7:00 PM	Manresa 2.0 AA (AR)
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b>Holiday – Church Office Closed</b>	
<b><u>4/1/24</u></b>	7:00 AM	Sober Morning AA (AR)
	12:00 PM	New Beginnings of Bloomfield Hills AA (AR)
	7:00 PM	CA Group (AR)
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	12:00 PM	New Beginnings of Bloomfield Hills AA (AR)
<b><u>4/2/24</u></b>	8:00 PM	SA Northwest (AR)
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	7:00 AM	Sober Morning AA (AR)
<b><u>4/3/24</u></b>	10:00 AM	New Beginnings Al-Anon (AR)
	12:00 PM	New Beginnings of Bloomfield Hills AA (AR)
	7:00 PM	CA Group (AR)
	7:00 PM	Survivors of Suicide Loss (L)
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	9:00 AM	Birmingham Strings (FH)
<b><u>4/4/24</u></b>	12:00 PM	New Beginnings of Bloomfield Hills AA (AR)
	<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> (Cnf & Zoom)
	6:00 PM	Manresa 2.0 AA (AR)
	7:30 PM	Women's AA North (AR)
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	7:00 AM	Sober Morning AA (AR)
<b><u>4/5/24</u></b>	10:15 AM	Yoga Class (AR)
	12:00 PM	New Beginnings of Bloomfield Hills AA (AR)
	2:00 PM	Family Farms Cooperative (FH)
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	9:30 AM	Birmingham Musicale Piano Awards (S & FH)
<b><u>4/6/24</u></b>	1:00 PM	New Beginnings of BH Big Book Study (AR)

See the complete church calendar on our website at: [www.ccbucc.org](http://www.ccbucc.org)

# A Just World for All

**Easter Sunday** ..... **March 31, 2024**

## 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, nationality, physical or mental condition, gender, 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!

**Rev. Shane Montoya**

[pastorshane@ccbucc.org](mailto:pastorshane@ccbucc.org)

248-633-8526

To schedule a meeting go to:

<https://calendly.com/ccbpastor/meet> or scan this QR Code:



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## **CHURCH LEADERSHIP & STAFF**

**Ministers - The Congregation**

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

**Dr. Yalan Piao**, Accompanist

**Elie Schulz**, Nursery Care Provider

**Rev. Shane Montoya**, Pastor

**Dr. Joe Bentley**, Music Director

**Dan Jaros**, Media & Communications Specialist

**Beth Prevost**, Church Administrator