



BIRMINGHAM FIRST
A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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PRELUDE

Deep River

S. Coleridge-Taylor

INTROIT (9:30)

Each New Day
Sonshine Choir

Natalie Sleeth

Each new day is a gift from God that is given to you and me.
Live it, use it! Waste it, lose it! Which one will it be?
You can make somebody happy! You can smile and try to share!
You can make the world a nicer place just because you're there!

Each new day is a gift from God, full of possibility!
Live it, use it! Waste it, lose it! Which one will it be?
You can help a friend or neighbor! You can show you really care!
You can make the world a nicer place just because you're there!

It goes by so rapidly, soon it's just a memory, so spend it very
carefully!

(11:00)

Jesus Wants Me For a Sunbeam
Cherub Choir

Talbot & Excell

Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, to shine for him every day;
in every way try to please him, at home, at school, at play.

A sunbeam, a sunbeam, Jesus wants me for a sunbeam;
A sunbeam, a sunbeam, I'll be a sunbeam for him.

Jesus wants me to be loving, and kind to all I see;
Showing how pleasant and happy His little one can be.

*HYMN #577

God of Grace and God of Glory

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.

Leader: We gather in the presence of the One who calls us to account—
not with punishment, but with love.

People: We come seeking hearts made new.

Leader: God asks not for grander offerings or louder songs.

People: God asks for justice. For kindness. For humble steps alongside the Holy.

Leader: In Christ, we see these words made flesh—righteousness lived,
mercy poured out, every step a prayer.

People: We follow in that way, learning as we go.

**All: Let us worship the God who transforms us from the inside out,
and walks with us into the world.**

*RESPONSE #402

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian -- vs. 1

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scouts / Larry Phillips

ANTHEM (9:30)

Living God's Love
Covenant Choir

Mark Patterson

May the word of Christ dwell richly in you as you teach one another
with wisdom and love; giving thanks to God in all that you do: in the
Psalms of praise, in the hymns of faith, and the songs of the spirit
too: may the word of Christ dwell richly in you.

For you are the people chosen by God to live a life of compassion and
kindness to all: working together, helping each other living God's love.
May the word of Christ dwell richly in you.

(11:00)

Reach Toward What's Next
Disciple Choir

Katie Houts

There will be days when the sky is dark;
The world feels cold and needs a spark.

Rise up with those around you.
We're stronger when we go through hard things together.
We're not alone. Won't you come with me. Be all we can be.
Sharing joy and welcome, hope and courage,
Shining light that might encourage all God's children
To reach for what's next.

We're not alone as we walk this road,
So meet the need and share the load.

Don't just look past see the outcast;
Help them outlast the weight of the world.

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY *What Does the Lord Require of You?*
Chancel Choir

Mark Miller

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself
before God on high? God has told you, O mortal, what is good.

What does the Lord require of you?
I want to know, I want to know.
Justice! Kindness! Walk humbly with your God!

***DOXOLOGY #94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #581** *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* – vs. 1-3

SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:1-8

MESSAGE

God's Case Against Israel Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

*HYMN

SOCIAL HOLINESS

We Are Called

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1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
2. Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called to be
great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll

light for the king-dom, to live in the free-dom of the
hope for the hope-less so all ha-tred and blind-ness will
walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and broth-ers u -

Refrain

cit-y of God! We are called to act with
be no more! in love!

jus-tice, we are called to love ten-der - ly,
we are called to serve one an - oth-er, to
walk hum-bly with God!

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WE ARE CALLED
Irregular with Refrain

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

In Christ There Is No East or West
(African American Spiritual)

Earle Copes



*Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Linda Immers
in loving memory of her daughter, Jennifer Lynn Immers.*

*The Mission Candle is lit to the glory of God and in celebration of
the Birmingham First Scouts, giving thanks for their commitment
to service, community, and faithful leadership.*



FOR OUR COMMUNITY

First Nurses

Your health matters! First Nurses will be available in Fellowship Hall to check blood pressure between services today. Track and compare your monthly results to be sure you're staying on top of your health! This free and friendly service is open to all—no appointment needed!

Super Bowl Sub Sale – Support the Youth Choir's Trip to England

Stop by Fellowship Hall today to support the Youth Choir's upcoming trip to England by pre-ordering a Super Bowl sub. Each sub is \$10 and includes chips, with pick-up next Sunday, February 8—perfect for game day. Choose from turkey, roast beef, Italian (salami and ham), or vegetarian options.

Take a Peek at Your CLC

Today after each worship service, join us for a tour of the Christian Life Center (CLC). This will be a great time to learn about the many opportunities (walking track, balance classes, knitting, puzzles, and much more) that are available for all of us. Meet Judy Turner & Margaret Maddox at the Kiosk in Fellowship Hall to take a tour of your CLC today!

Sunday Night Dinner – All Are Welcome

Join us tonight at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for Sunday Night Dinner. Take the night off and enjoy a warm meal with friends. Everyone is welcome. Tonight's menu includes pulled pork sandwiches, mac & cheese, coleslaw, and dessert.

Guest Preacher Next Sunday – February 8

We're delighted to welcome the Rev. Dr. John (Jack) Harnish, Pastor Emeritus, as our guest preacher next Sunday. Dr. Harnish will bring the message "Don't Bury Me Here," drawing from selected Old Testament passages and reflecting on the journey of faith—where we've been, where God is leading, and how the journey continues. Jack served Birmingham First with faithfulness and vision for many years, and it is always a gift to welcome him back to the pulpit.

Discover First - Find Your Church Home

Are you looking for a church home where you can grow in your faith and feel connected? Discover First is a one-session gathering on Sunday, February 8, at 12:15 p.m., offering an introduction to Birmingham & Berkley First and the United Methodist Church. This relaxed, welcoming class is a chance to ask questions and learn more. At the end of the session, those who wish to may choose to become members. If interested, please email your RSVP to Mary Feldmaier at mfeldmaier@fumcbirmingham.org.

Ash Wednesday Services

We invite you to gather as we begin the season of Lent together through worship, prayer, and reflection on February 18 at 7:40 a.m. (in person), 10:00 a.m. (in person and online), 4:30 p.m. (in person and online), and 6:30 p.m. (in person). For those on the go, drive-thru ashes will be available from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the East entrance off Maple Road.

Ash Wednesday Brunch

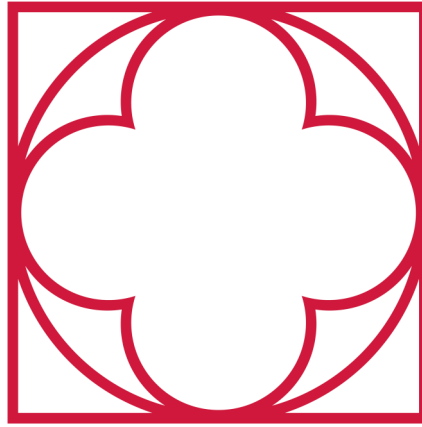
All women of Birmingham & Berkley First are invited to a special Ash Wednesday Brunch hosted by United Women in Faith on Wednesday, February 18, in Fellowship Hall, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Join us for fellowship and reflection as we begin this holy season together. RSVP at the Welcome Desk, on line, through Fellowship Circles, or after worship in Fellowship Hall.

Empty Bowls Tickets

On Wednesday, February 18, from 5:00–7:00 p.m., you're invited to Empty Bowls, a community meal benefiting local food pantries and soup kitchens. Enjoy a soup and cereal supper featuring soups generously donated by local restaurants, with options to dine in or pick up your meal to go. You can get your tickets online today by going to www.gatheredhereforgood.org/emptybowls.

BULLETIN COVER

The central figures in this window are a minister and a Scout, with both the Christian and American flags forming a beautiful backdrop. The First Class medal and God and Country medal are indicative of some of the opportunities for youth in scouting. (located in the East [Children's] Entrance stairwell)



Rev. Dr. Charles S. G. Boayue, Jr., Senior Pastor

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Rev. Rachael M. Dunlap, Associate Pastor

Rev. Zack L. Dunlap, Associate Pastor

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Pastors Emeriti



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