

The Women's Fellowship

Harvest Sunday

Celebration

**“Honoring the Harvest
of the
Brotherhood and Sisterhood
of the Divine Nine”**

**Sunday
October 19, 2025
3:00 P. M.**

**Rev. Rodtric Robinson, Pastor
First Congregational Christian Church, UCC
638 High Street at Union, Montgomery, 36104**

“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” Matthew 9:37

Annual Harvest Celebrating The Divine Nine

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (1906)
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (1911)
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (1913)
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (1920)

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (1908)
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (1911)
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (1914)
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. (1922)

Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. (1963)

The Legacy of the Divine Nine

The legacy of historically black sororities and fraternities is deeply intertwined with the broader historical struggles and triumphs of African Americans. These organizations have been central to movements for civil rights, political advocacy, and educational reform. Through their work, they have provided young African Americans with platforms to express themselves, develop leadership skills, and engage in transformative community service.

Throughout history, members of the Divine Nine have been at the forefront of social change. Figures like Martin Luther King Jr., Maya Angelou, and Thurgood Marshall exemplify the values instilled by these organizations, demonstrating how their influence extends well beyond the college experience. The Divine Nine serves as more than just a social outlet - it is a springboard for leadership and personal development. Members often form networks that open doors to career opportunities and lifelong connections, creating a ripple effect of empowerment and success.

As society evolves, the Divine Nine continue to address contemporary challenges while staying rooted in their mission of service and unity. Their ability to adapt while maintaining their core principles ensures their relevance and impact in today's world.

What are the core values of the Divine Nine?

The Divine Nine are built on timeless values that define their purpose and guide their members. Here are the key tenets:

1. Community Service

At their core, the Divine Nine organizations are dedicated to improving the lives of others. By addressing critical issues such as education, health disparities, and poverty, they have a deep impact on Black communities nationwide.

2. Networking and Brotherhood/Sisterhood

Members join more than an organization; they join a family. By fostering strong networks of support and lifelong connections, these groups create a sense of belonging and fellowship.

3. Collective Excellence

Excellence in academics, careers, and leadership is a hallmark of the Divine Nine. Members are encouraged to reach their fullest potential while contributing to the collective success of their organization and their peers.

4. Racial Uplift and Social Justice

Historically, these fraternities and sororities have been at the forefront of social justice movements. The Divine Nine play a vital role in advocating for racial equality, Black empowerment, and systemic change.

5. Tradition and History

With decades of history behind them, each organization honors and preserves traditions passed down through generations of members. These rituals and customs create a shared heritage and strengthen their cultural significance.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, UCC

638 High Street at Union Montgomery, AL 36106

Women's Fellowship Annual Harvest Sunday Program

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Prelude

Belinda Stanley

Carolyn Olivari

Prelude

Beta Nu Omega Pearls

Welcome and Occasion

Dr. Sibyl St. Clair, President

Ms. Sibyl St. Clair

Mrs. Velora Ford

Responsive Reading #48 (African American Hymnal) **Thanksgiving**

Ms. Evelyn Lyle

Acknowledgements

Ms. Iris Gibbs

Offering & Musical Selection

Park Crossing High School Choir

Darrian Stovall, Director

Introduction of Speaker

Minister Corliss Robinson

Guest Speaker

Rev. Rodtric T. Robinson

Musical Selection

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Daring to Make a Difference Awards

Mrs. Beatrice M. Forniss

Remarks and Benediction

Rev. Rodtric Robinson, Pastor

A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following service

First Congregational Christian Church
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Notices & Announcements

First Congregational Christian Church and members of the Women's Fellowship welcome you to this special Harvest Sunday Service. We thank you for sharing this program of thanksgiving for God's bountiful blessings, and we are delighted by your presence. Please join us immediately following service in the Fellowship Hall for a reception as we honor our special guest.

