

BRADFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

“Truth & Reconciliation: Who’s Invited to the BBQ?”

Rev. Dr. Monica L. Cummings



10:00 A.M. Sunday, February 21st, 2021

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Gathering Music

- Sara Dan Jones

***When I breathe in, I breathe in peace
When I breathe out, I breathe out love.***

Welcome & Call to Worship

- Rev. Erik David Carlson

Chalice Lighting

- Rev. Rebekah Savage

***We light our flaming chalice as a beloved people
United in love and thirsting for restorative justice.***

This a chalice of audacious hope.

***This chalice shines a light on our shared past,
signaling our intention to listen deeply, reflect wisely,
and move boldly toward our highest ideals.***

Opening Reading

- Unitarian Church, Scarborough, England

Hymn #407 – “Welcome Table”

- African American Trad.

- Shared by the Chancel Choir, First Unitarian Church, Oakland, CA

Story for All Ages – *Be Kind*

- Pat Zietlow, Jen Hill

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Reflection – “Loving Kindness Meditation”

- iRest Yoga Nidra

- Led by Rev. Dr. Monica L. Cummings

Musical Reflection – “Serenity”

- Reinhold Niebuhr, India Arie

Offertory – “Adagio Hob. 35”

- F.J. Haydn

Message – “Truth & Reconciliation: Who’s Invited to the Barbeque?” - Rev. Dr. Monica Cummings

Hymn #1014 – “Answering the Call of Love”

- J. Sheldon

- Shared by the Church of the Larger Fellowship UUA

Extinguishing the Chalice

***We extinguish this flame, But not the light of truth,
The spark of hope, Or the warmth of love it represents,
These we hold in our hearts until we are together again.***

Postlude

Coffee Hour Following Service: (Zoom Link Available in Church Email)

IN GRATITUDE

Many thanks to everyone who made this service possible including Rev. Dr. Monica, our musicians Alex Poyner and Rev. Erik and technician Warren Leisemann.

Thanks also to the whole team at LocalLive.tv for working so hard to produce and broadcast our videos each week!

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE FEATURING GUEST PRESENTER TJ WILLIAMS-HAUGER

We are overjoyed to end Black History Month by welcoming back to our sanctuary friend of the church T.J. Williams-Hauger. T.J. is a graduate of New York Theological Seminary and candidate for ministry in both the United Church of Christ and American Baptist Church associations. Fiercely committed to social justice, T.J. has worked for the World Council of Churches, served pastorates in Chicago, New York and Youngstown, OH, and sat on President Obama's "Religion & Foreign Policy Working Group" for the U.S. State Department. He is married to husband Bradley Hauger and been a supporter of Rev. Carlson's ministry since his first days in Illinois.

FOOD DRIVE FOR SHALOM CENTER

Bradford Church will continue our food drive. Shalom Center is asking for any donations. You can safely leave donations outside the south side church door. The basket is checked daily. Visit ShalomCenter.org for more.

GREEN SANCTUARY COMMON WATCH & CLASS MATERIALS

Members of the Green Sanctuary Team at Bradford UU encourage folks to view the new documentary by David Attenborough entitled *A Life on Our Planet*, currently streaming on Netflix and soon to be available on other platforms.

In addition – we are launching our all-congregation learning project by participating in the *Our Place in the Web of Life* curriculum provided by the UUA. Please visit <http://BradfordUU.org/our-place/> to register for the class.

HOW TO BE AN ANTI-RACIST DISCUSSION GROUP

The Black Lives Matter to UUs team will be hosting a book study group this Spring. Book discussions will be held in 4 sessions via Zoom. The book is "How to be an Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi.

"Kendi takes readers through a widening circle of antiracist ideas--from the most basic concepts to visionary possibilities--that will help readers see all forms of racism clearly, understand their poisonous consequences, and work to oppose them in our systems and in ourselves. [He] weaves [a] ... combination of ethics, history, law, and science with his own personal story of awakening to antiracism. This is an essential work for anyone who wants to go beyond the awareness of racism to the next step: contributing to the formation of a just and equitable society." – Publisher Random House marketing.

We invite interested parties to sign up now using the form on the Bradford Church website at <http://BradfordUU.org/hbar/>

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