

BRADFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

LIVING SPIRITUALLY, LEADING BRAVELY, LOVING BOLDLY



“Springtime Awakening”

10:00 A.M. Sunday, March 17th, 2024

[http:// BradfordUU.org](http://BradfordUU.org)

Gathering Music

- Sarah Dan Jones

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

Welcome & Announcements

- Rev. Erik David Carlson

Call to Worship

Prelude

- Irish trad.

- Shared by Katie Dudley

Chalice Lighting

- Kate McPhee

Around us, light is returning.

It rekindles the spirit of life in the skeletons of trees.

It brings forth new shoots from the soil.

It wakes us from our winter slumber, and invites us to see what lies beyond.

We light this chalice in the spirit of our Earth's awakening

and to reaffirm our commitment to the value of our home.

Calling of the Quarters

- Led by Jennifer Burns

Chant – “I Thank the Earth”

- Led by the Singing Sisters

Explanation of Equinox

- Krystal Rose

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Musical Meditation – “Equinox”

- John Coltrane

- Shared by Alex Poyner and Rev. Erik David Carlson

Responsive Reading

- Lorelai Greenwood-Jones

Offertory

Reflection – “Springtime Awakening”

Closing Chant – “Beauty”

Blessing of the Seeds

- Krystal Rose

Dismissing the Quarters

Extinguishing the Chalice

We walk the earth in friendship, not in dominance.

Mother Goddess and Father God, instill within us

a warmth for all living things.

Teach us to revere the Earth and all its treasures.

May we never forget.

Benediction

- Krystal Rose

Postlude/Recessional

- Irish trad.

Coffee Hour following service.

IN GRATITUDE

Special thanks to everyone who made this worship possible in worship associate Jennifer Burns, guest musicians Katie Dudley and the Singing Sisters, church administrator Krystal Rose, church musician Alex Poyner, child-care provider Julie Zillmer, technician Warren Leisemann, and those who provided today's hospitality.

AUCTION CONTRACTS DUE TODAY! – APRIL SHOWERS BRING MORE DOLLARS!



The Online Church Auction launches on April 1. The Live auction takes place at the church on Sat., April 13th. Contracts are due TODAY! And the actual items are due by FRIDAY. Bring items to DeBerge's Framing and Gallery, 2008 - 63rd St. in Kenosha. Questions? Call Diane Giles 262-308-5471.

<https://ourfundraiser.events/Bradford>



SCRIP CARDS BY RAISE-RIGHT – AVAILABLE AFTER SERVICE



Visit Carolyn and Marlene after service to learn how you can help the church through our Scrip card program!

Sign up at the Scrip Table after service or contact either at carolynfeldt@att.net or kenntack@ameritech.net.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS AT BRADFORD UU

Sunday, March 17 th	- 10:00am – Vernal Equinox Celebration
Sunday, March 24 th	- 10:00am – Transformation & RE
	- 4:30pm – Soup Kitchen at the Shalom Center
Sunday, March 31 st	- 10:00am – Easter & Soul Matters Sharing Circle

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT BRADFORD UU? WE'RE INTERESTED IN YOU!

Bradford UU is currently planning our next membership Sunday where we will open our membership roles to those who wish to join us on our spiritual journey. If you are interested in finding out more about membership, or you are a member who'd like to help with the membership team, please speak with one of our ministers Rev. Erik or Rev. Dr. Monica.

STIPEND – FUNDED ORGANIZING POSITION THROUGH URBAN RURAL ACTION



Uniting to Prevent Targeted Violence in Southeast Wisconsin is a non-partisan civic engagement program that aims to prevent targeted violence (i.e. premeditated physical violence directed at a specific individual, group, or location, particularly violence aimed at someone because of their group identity or affiliation) in Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, Walworth, and Waukesha counties.

They are hiring folks to act as county "Uniters" to work across generational, geographic, political, racial, and other differences to prevent targeted violence. The deadline for applications is March 31st – please visit <https://www.uration.org/uptv-wi-uniters.html> if you're interested.

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