

BRADFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
LIVING SPIRITUALLY, LEADING BRAVELY, LOVING BOLDLY

The Dark Half of the Year

Director of Community Worship: Patti Fitchett

Musician: Rhys-Maxwell Barnes



10:00 A.M. Sunday, October 25th, 2026

Sung Meditation

- Sara Dan Jones

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

Welcome & Call to Worship

Prelude – *Toccata* in D minor

- J.S. Bach

Chalice Lighting

- Bets Wienecke

We gather in the glow of the light that burns at the center of our circle.

And we wonder:

What is holy? The flame?

Light itself? What it holds?

And we ask:

What is at the center, the very center of the flame?

What is at the center, the very center of this circle?

What is at the center, the very center of each of us?

Opening Words – The Turning of the Year

- David Lockwood

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Sung Response – *There is a Love*

- Elizabeth H. Norton, Rebecca Ann Parker

Offertory – *The Addams Family* (theme song)

- Vince Mizzyl

Play – *Scarecrow's Find*

- Dani Lockwood featuring The Bradford Players

Closing Song – All Hallows Eve

- David Medd

Extinguishing the Chalice

- Rev. Dawn Cooley (adapted)

Without darkness, there cannot be light.

Without death, there cannot be life.

Without silence, there cannot be music

Without sorrow, there cannot be joy.

Let the darkness inspire us to be radiantly alive.

So mote it be.

Benediction

- David Lockwood

Postlude – *Witchcraft* (instrumental)

- Coleman & Leigh

Announcements

Please join us after the service for coffee and conversation.

IN GRATITUDE

Thanks to Patti Fitchett, Dani and David Lockwood, Rhys Maxwell Barnes, Kristin Kornkven, Teri Chadd, Emily Alviani, Destiny Cooks, our Sound and Zoom Teams, and all those who provide welcoming faces and hospitality.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BRADFORD UU

Sunday, October 25: The Dark Half of the Year

Sunday, November 1: Science in the Sky: Magic in the Universe

Sunday, November 8: This is Not the End

Sunday, November 15: How to Stay Engaged

Sunday, November 22: Transgender Day of Remembrance

Sunday, November 29: Covenant

SHARING CIRCLE DISCUSSION GROUPS ARE BACK!

Our **4th Sunday discussion group** (formerly Soul Matters, now Woven Faith) will **resume downstairs after church on Sunday October 25**. All are welcome and our topic this month will be Living the Questions. **Any questions, just email Patti Fitchett at worshipdirector@bradforduu.org.**

SOUP KITCHEN

Join us for our next Soup Kitchen on **Sunday, October 25th, from 4pm to 6:30pm!** Volunteers help prepare and serve warm meals to those in need. This event happens every 4th Sunday of the month, so there are ongoing opportunities to get involved and give back.

KENOSHA NAACP 2026 FREEDOM FUND DINNER

The Kenosha NAACP 2026 Freedom Fund Dinner is **November 6th at the UW-Parkside Ballroom**. For more information, email: kenoshanaacp@gmail.com or text: +1 (262) 358-7783.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: REPRESENT BRADFORD ON THE CUSH BOARD

Bradford is seeking a volunteer to represent our congregation on the CUSH Board. As a founding member, Bradford has been an active member of the interfaith social justice organization for 26 years. Be part of a network of activists working for systemic change in Kenosha. Questions? **Reach out to socialconcerns@bradforduu.org.**

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