

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

Blue Christmas: Holding Hope Close

Patti Fitchett: Director of Community Worship

Emily Alviani: Worship Companion

10:00 A.M. Sunday, December 14th, 2025

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

Prelude – Love Will Guide Us

- Wylder/Rogers (performed by Rhys-Maxwell Barnes)

Chalice Lighting

- Tracy Johnson

We light our chalice this morning

Light of our Creative Spirits

Light of our Wise Souls

Light of Love for this place, this people, this work

Illuminate our hearts and the spaces between them

in this Sacred Time of unfolding.

Blessed be.

Opening Hymn – #346 Come Sing A Song

Reading

- Nadia Bolz-Weber

Build your own Offrenda / Ancestor's Table

- Marielle Segarra & Malaka Gharib

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Meditation

- Emily Alviani

Video – The Atheist Christmas Carol

- Vienna Tang

Offertory – Air On a G String (arranged for piano)

- JS Bach (performed by Rhys-Maxwell Barnes)

Reflection – Blue Christmas

Video - Playing For Change

- Rev. Tandi Rogers

Extinguishing the Chalice

May we choose hope, even when it trembles.

May it be the kind of hope that plants seeds,

Waits in the dark, and trusts the stirring.

Hope that doesn't deny despair, but dares

to outlast it.

Benediction

- Andrea Gibson

Postlude – Hymn #88 Calm Soul of All Things

- Arnold/Tallis (performed by Rhys-Maxwell Barnes)

Announcements

Coffee hour following service

IN GRATITUDE

Special Thanks to Emily Alviani, Rhys-Maxwell Barnes, David Lockwood, Katie Traxel, Destiny Cooks, and all the great folks on the Sunday Morning Team.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BRADFORD UU

Sunday, December 14th - Blue Christmas: Holding Hope Close

Sunday, December 21st at - Solstice (**service will be held at 7pm**)

Sunday, December 28th - Milestones

RIGHT RELATIONS

Join us this **Sunday, December 14th**, after church service for a Right Relationship circle.

Let's explore together what messages we long to hear from our pulpit as well as how we support those speaking to our hearts.

RED SLEIGH CAMPAIGN

Started by Bea Lundgren, one of the Bradford UU Church founders and a passionate activist. All money raised is matched dollar for dollar by Barth Storage and goes to the Shalom Center, our local shelter, soup kitchen and food pantry. **Donations can be made at services through January 4th.**

FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

A Christmas tree will be at the entry to the church. Take a paper ornament with the name and age of a child, and the requested item. We will have 3 ornaments per child. Bring your gift, wrapped and with the ornament attached, to church **by December 14th**. Kenosha Family and Aging Services will distribute the presents for Christmas. **If you have any questions, contact Ruth Donalds at Ruthdonalds@aol.com.**

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: December 24th

Bradford will not be offering a Christmas Eve service this year. If there is an interest, we may have an open house with coffee and treats, and possibly watch Olympia Brown's service in our sanctuary. Please contact Jennifer Burns at jjburns1966@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Join us **Sunday, December 21st at 7pm** for our annual celebration of the longest night and the rebirth of the Sun. We will chant, sing, and reflect on the turning of the Wheel of the Year with our fire ritual. The Witches in Motion Witch Dancers will share their talents with us. Stay after the ritual for cookies and cider.

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