

**Animal Blessing**



**10:00 A.M. Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Gathering Music

- Sarah Dan Jones

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

Welcome & Call to Worship

- Jennifer Burns

Prelude – *Blackbird*

- The Beatles (shared by Rhys-Maxwell Burns)

Chalice Lighting

- Florence Caplow (shared by Wren Larsen)

***We light this chalice in honor of the animal realm,  
Furred and hooved, two-legged, four-legged, many-legged,  
Fanged and clawed, gentle and fierce, wild and tame.  
May we remember that all animals are our relatives,  
Worthy of our care and respect.***

Opening Reading – *Saddle Therapy*

- Sherri Perkins (shared by Wren Larsen)

Remembrance

- Jennifer Burns

Song – *All God's Critters Have a Place in the Choir*

- Bill Staines

Reading – *Blessed Are All Living Things*

- Maureen Killoran (shared by Jennifer Burns)

Blessing of the Animals

- Jennifer Burns

Extinguishing the Chalice

- Rebekah Savage (shared by Wren Larsen)

***As we extinguish the flame of our chalice,  
may its lingering spark be carried in your heart  
until we are together again.***

Benediction

- Jennifer Burns

Postlude – *The Rattlin Bog* - Folk song

- (shared by Rhys-Maxwell Barnes)

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**Walk to Scoops Ice Cream following service.**

## IN GRATITUDE

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Special thanks to Wren Larsen, Rhys-Maxwell Barnes, Warren Liessmann, and everyone who pitched in to make the service possible. We are also grateful to Scoops Ice Cream for opening early for us today.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT BRADFORD UU

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Sunday, August 24th – *Animal Blessing* (Outdoor Service)

Sunday, August 31st – *Labor Day Service*

## HELP OUR MUSICIAN FIND A PRACTICE ORGAN

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Hello! My name is Rhys-Maxwell Barnes and I am your church musician. I have been hired to play organ for a project very close to my heart. However I have one big problem - I don't have access to an organ to practice on! If you or someone you know has access to an organ (with a full pedal board) that I could practice on, please reach out! My number is 217-550-3627. Thanks again

## SECURITY CODE UPDATES

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In an effort to tighten security, we will be revamping the door codes for the south (ramp) entrance. If you currently have a door code and would like to continue using one, please email Diane Giles at [2020grandmafly@gmail.com](mailto:2020grandmafly@gmail.com) with your requested 5-digit code (as long as it has not been shared with others), along with a brief explanation of why you need access. All existing codes will be removed from the system, and new codes will be entered by Monday, August 25.

## BOOK CLUB

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Bradford's Book Club now meets on the **fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom**. Our new reading list is available and includes both fiction and nonfiction across a variety of genres, including literary and contemporary fiction, history, satire, politics, science, mystery, and memoir. Copies are available in the rear of the sanctuary. For more information or to receive the Zoom link, contact Jennifer Burns at [jjburns1966@gmail.com](mailto:jjburns1966@gmail.com).

## BINGO!

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Join us for Bingo on **Friday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m. We still have 5 seats available**, and we'd love for you to be part of the fun! **Seats are \$20 each**, with proceeds going toward a church auction item. If you'd like to join, please let Katie Traxel or Marianne know and provide payment.

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