

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

The Work That Takes Time

Director of Community Worship: Patti Fitchett

Music Director: Rhys-Maxwell Barnes

Worship Companion: Teri Chadd

10:00 A.M. Sunday, January 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 – Hornpipe from *Water Music*

- GF Handel

Chalice Lighting

- Rev. Michelle Collins

We kindle this light for the work that takes time:
the seed's unseen rooting, then tide's patient carving,
The small turning of heart toward open ground.
We look towards what is slow and true,
the steady flame that sustains our days.

Opening Words – *Prayer for Resilience*

- Rev. Douglas Taylor

Chant

I thank the Earth for feeding my body
I thank the sun for warming my bones
I thank the trees for the air I breathe,
and I thank the water for nourishing my soul

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Meditation – *The Strength of Water*

- Jamila Batchelder & Molly Housh Gordon

Hymn # 1046 – *Shall We Gather At the River*

Offertory – *Blue Boat Home* (adapted)

- Prichard

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Video – *Watchin' the River Flow*

- Bob Dylan

Extinguishing the Chalice

- Rev. Michelle Collins

The flame is extinguished
but the struggle continues
In its own time, in its own way.
Trust the process.
Rest when you must.
Begin again tomorrow.

Benediction – *For All That Is Our Life*

- Liz Weber

Postlude – *Rise Up*

- Cassandra Batie and Jennifer Decilveo

Announcements

Please join us after the service for coffee and conversation.

IN GRATITUDE

Special thanks to Rhys-Maxwell Barnes, Destiny Cooks, Teri Chadd, our Sound Team, and those who provided hospitality.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BRADFORD UU

Sunday, January 25 - The Work That Takes Time

Sunday, February 1 - Meeting the Moment

SOUP KITCHEN

Join us for our next Soup Kitchen on **Sunday, January 25th from 4pm-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.

FROM YOUR SOCIAL CONCERNS AND GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEES:

We are currently collecting food for Immanuel United Methodist Church, because we have no permanent emergency shelter in Kenosha. Immanuel is helping to provide shelter and meals during this very cold weather. If you are able, please bring your donations to church on Sundays until the end of February. The following are needed items: oranges, apples, bananas, grapes, chips, cookies, breakfast pastry, eggs and spiral cut ham. Grocery store gift cards are also appreciated. Contact Trudy Farrell at trudymf1947@gmail.com with questions. Thank you so much for your generosity.

C.U.S.H CHILL FUNDRAISER

The annual C.U.S.H Chili Fundraiser is **Sunday, February 8th**. Order ahead by February 5th, and pick up your chili at St. Mary's Lutheran Church. It is a delicious way to support social justice advocacy in Kenosha. For more information, go to cushkenosha.org.

UPCOMING WISCONSIN ELECTIONS: WHAT TO KNOW

The **Wisconsin Spring Primary election is Tuesday, February 17th**, which will include 2 positions on the KUSD School Board. The **Spring General election is Tuesday, April 7th**, with races including the Wisconsin State Supreme Court, the full Kenosha County Board, and the entire City Council. **To check your voter registration, request an absentee ballot, and find your polling place go to myvote.wi.gov.**

REMEMBERING RENEE GOOD

Join us **Sunday January 25 at 5:30pm** to remember the life of Renee Good. The vigil will be held at St. Mary's Lutheran Church : **2001 80th street Kenosha, WI 53143**.

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