

Falling Down & Getting Back Up

Minister: Rev. Dawn Cooley

Worship Companion: Emily Alviani

Musician: Rhys-Maxwell Barnes



10:00 A.M. Sunday, October 4th, 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 – We Are Here

- Sarina Partridge

Chalice Lighting

- Pat Uribe-Lichty

*We light our chalice today
knowing that our hope and our passion
are needed to change the world.
We bring different gifts to the work,
but we come together in one faith:
that what we do makes a difference,
both to our world and in ourselves.*

Opening Song # 118 – This Little Light of Mine

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Meditation

Sung Response – There is a Love

- Elizabeth H. Norton, Rebecca Ann Parker

Moment for All Ages

Offertory – Sonatina

- Muzio Clementi

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Meditation

Closing Song #168 – One More Step

Extinguishing the Chalice

- Debra Burrell

*We have basked in the warmth and beauty
of this flame and this community.
As the chalice flame is extinguished,
let us carry its glow within.
Let us kindle new sparks within these walls and beyond.*

Benediction

Postlude – I'm Still Standing

- Elton John (Instrumental arrangement)

Announcements

Please join us after the service for coffee and conversation.

IN GRATITUDE

Special thanks to Rev. Dawn Cooley, Emily Alviani, Rhys-Maxwell Barnes, Destiny Cooks, our Sound Team, and those who provided hospitality.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BRADFORD UU

Sunday, October 4: Falling Down & Getting Back Up

Sunday, October 11: Living the Questions

Sunday, October 18: The Risk of Transformation

Sunday, October 25: The Dark Half of the Year

BUILDING NEEDS DISCUSSION

The Board calls for a **congregational vote on October 4, 2026 to approve the funding of urgently identified repairs.**

BUILDING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF COVENANT

Join the Right Relationship Team on **November 14 and 21 from 10:00–11:30 AM** to explore what covenant means and how it shapes our community. We'll reflect, share, and listen together as we deepen our understanding of covenant.

BCCUU FALL CLEAN-UP

Join members and friends on **Saturday October 24, at 10 am**, to beautify Bradford's church yard. One task we hope to accomplish is grinding the stumps of trees that have been taken down in the last few years. **If you are willing and able to operate the stump grinder, please contact Diane Giles at 2020grandmafly@gmail.com.**

QUEER LIBERTARIANS STUDIES GROUP

CUSH's Rainbow Forward task force resumes its monthly Queer Liberation Studies group on **Wednesday, October 7, from 6–7 p.m.** at Spirit Alive Lutheran Church and on Google Meet.

SUPPORT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Donate nonperishable, ready-to-eat foods (applesauce pouches, energy bars, pop-top canned items, snack kits, protein shakes). Stock the pantry directly or bring donations to church for Social Concerns to deliver. **Questions:** socialconcerns@bradforduu.org.

NOVEMBER ELECTION UPDATE

Absentee ballots have been mailed; voters should return them promptly by mail or to their municipal clerk. **Early in-person absentee voting is scheduled for October 20–30**, with dates and hours varying by municipality.

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