

BRADFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

LIVING SPIRITUALLY, LEADING BRAVELY, LOVING BOLDLY

Some of my Best Friends are Heretics

Rev. Annie Holmes: Guest Minister

Jennifer Burns: Worship Companion

10:00 A.M. Sunday, January 4th, 2026

Gathering Music

- Rev. Annie Holmes

Welcome & Call to Worship

Prelude – We Shall Overcome

Chalice Lighting

To be a Unitarian Universalist means we'll never be done with the work:

the work of telling the truth about oppression

the work of resisting any laws, policies, or practices that deny anyone their humanity

the work of stubbornly seeking out the spark of the divine each other, no matter what

the work of creating heaven on earth

To be a Unitarian Universalist also means we're not alone in the work:

we are not alone because of our promises to love one another

we are not alone because we are companions on the journey

we grow ourselves into allies,

helping one another get free —

because none of us is truly free until we are all free.

Time for All Ages – The Surprise God of January

- Rev. Annie Holmes

Opening Reading – Blessed are We

- Andrea Hawkins-Kamper (shared by Jennifer Burns)

Hymn – Spirit of Life

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Reflection

Offertory – Ivan Sings

- Aram Khachaturian

Message – Some of my Best Friends are Heretics

- Rev. Annie Holmes

Hymn – We are a Gentle, Angry People

Extinguishing the Chalice

- Amy Zucker Morgenstern

When we take fire from our chalice, it does not become less.

It becomes more.

**And so we extinguish our chalice, but we take its light and warmth with us,
multiplying their power by all of our lives, and sharing it with the world.**

Closing Words

Postlude – I've got Peace Like a River

Announcements

Please join us after the service for coffee and conversation.

IN GRATITUDE

Special thanks to our guest minister, Reverend Annie Holmes; our Director of Community Worship, Patti Fitchett; our musician Rhys-Maxwell Barnes; office administrator Destiny Cooks; and our sound and technology team Warren Leisemann, David Lockwood, Eisley Ryan, Katie Traxel, and Bob Estes. Thank you to our hospitality team for the coffee that fuels our fellowship time after the service.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BRADFORD UU

Sunday, January 4th - Some of my Best Friends are Heretics

Sunday, January 11th - Practicing Resistance With Kindness

Sunday, January 18th - Side With Love

AUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Auction Committee will be meeting after service on Sunday, January 18th in the Young room. All are welcome to join us. For more information contact Diane Giles at 2020grandmafly@gmail.com or Katie Traxel at foodfunatic@gmail.com.

CRAFT CLUB

Join us after service today, **January 4th, 1:30pm-3:30pm**. Gain hands-on practice with functional stitches you can fall back on for any project. Supplies & tools will be ready & available upon arrival. Contact Eisley Ryan at craftclub1.uu@gmail.com for any questions.

SUPPORTERS OF SHELTER

Homelessness is a pervasive concern in our community. **On Jan. 4, after our church service, representatives of Supporters of Shelter, a Kenosha-based group of collaborators will speak to those gathered in the sanctuary about the unhoused and the current situation:** Kenosha has no true emergency shelter

FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERN COMMITTEE

Coalition for Dismantling Racism has released the schedule of events for the 30th Annual Kindness Week 2026. **This year's dates are January 16-24.**

BOOK CLUB

Meets on Zoom the 4th Wednesday monthly. January's book is This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger. The reading list is on the members website. **Contact Jennifer Burns at jjburns1966@gmail.com.**

RED SLEIGH CAMPAIGN

Today, Sunday January 4th, is the last day to donate to this season's Red Sleigh campaign. All the money donated is matched dollar for dollar by Barth Storage and donated to the Shalom Center for their shelter, soup kitchen, and food pantry. Forgot to bring your donation? Contact Jennifer at jjburns1966@gmail.com.

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