

Earth Day

Director of Community Worship: Patti Fitchett

Music Director: Rhys-Maxwell Barnes

Special Presenters: The BCCUU Green Sanctuary Committee



10:00 A.M. Sunday, April 26th, 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 – *Spring*

Chalice Lighting

- Debra Faulk

We light this chalice

*Symbolic of the warmth of community and
The brightness that love brings to the world
Illuminating our search for justice and peace
Light, that force that nurtures all living things
Here in our midst in this flame,
So tiny and so significant.*

Opening Reading – *The Greatest of These is Love*

- Mary Annaisé Heglar

Opening Hymn # 163 – *For the Earth Forever Turning*

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Meditation – *Earth Day Prayer*

Musical Reflection – *Where Do the Children Play?*

- Yusuf Islam (Cat Stevens)

Reading – *Green Sanctuary 2030*

Offertory – *For the Beauty of the Earth*

- Conrad Kocher

Reflection – *Green Sanctuary Report*

- Green Sanctuary Team

Closing Hymn # 1064 – *Blue Boat Home*

- Prichard

Extinguishing the Chalice

- Dr. Jane Goodall

Only if we understand, will we care.

Only if we care, will we help.

Only if we help, shall all be saved.

Benediction

Postlude – *Big Yellow Taxi*

- Joni Mitchell

Announcements

Please join us after the service for coffee and conversation.

IN GRATITUDE

Special thanks to Rhys-Maxwell Barnes, Jennifer Burns, David Lockwood, Dani Lockwood, the members of the Green Sanctuary Committee and the Sound Team.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BRADFORD UU

Sunday, April 26: Earth Day

Sunday, May 3: Kids' Questions About Spirituality

Sunday, May 10: Mother's Day "Other-Motherhood"

SOUL MATTERS

Everyone is welcome to join us after coffee hour on **Sunday, April 26, in the lower level** for our Soul Matters Sharing Circle discussion group. **This month's theme is *Awakening Curiosity***. The session typically lasts about an hour and is a great opportunity to get to know others and connect in a meaningful way.

SOUP KITCHEN

Join us for our next Soup Kitchen on **Sunday, April 26th from 4pm-6:30pm!** Volunteers help prepare and serve warm meals to those in need.

FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The Shalom Center is putting together cleaning starter kits for clients moving into apartments. There will be **boxes in the rear of the sanctuary from April 26th to May 24th for donations**. The needed items are: **cleaning rags, bucket, scrub brush, all purpose cleaner, bleach, Comet cleaning powder, cleaning wipes, dust pan and broom, duster wand, window cleaner, paper towels, laundry basket, laundry detergent, and dryer sheets**. Thank you for your generosity!

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