

Books as Salvation

Service Leader: Jennifer Burns

Music Director: Rhys-Maxwell Barnes

10:00 A.M. Sunday, April 5th, 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 –Storybook Love theme from *The Princess Bride*

- Mark Knopfler

Chalice Lighting

*We light this chalice,
so that by its light we may read all the books
books with archaic language,
books with offensive material,
books which affirm the diversity of the human race,
books which normalize our varied sexualities,
and books which share multidimensional perspectives of history.*

*May we bask in the glow of its light this morning
as we illuminate, brighten, and radiate
because of the books we have read
and the books we have yet to read.*

Opening Reading – Excerpts from *How Libraries became Sanctuaries for LGBTQ Kids*

-Beth Hawkins

Opening Hymn #134 – *Our World is One World*

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Responsive Prayer for Banned Books (please respond with “We give thanks”)

- Emily R. Mace

Offertory – *Reading Rainbow* theme song

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Book Communion

Closing Hymn #23 – *Bring Many Names*

Extinguishing the Chalice

*We extinguish this flame to end our service,
but hold it in our hearts and minds
as we bring new stories and ideas outside these walls.*

Benediction

Postlude – *Paperback Writer*

Announcements

Please join us after the service for coffee and conversation.

IN GRATITUDE

Special thanks to our Music Director Rhys-Maxwell Barnes, Office Administrator, Destiny Cooks the Sound Team, and those who provided hospitality!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BRADFORD UU

Sunday, April 5: Books as Salvation

Sunday, April 12: Embracing Possibilities

Sunday, April 19: New Member Sunday

Sunday, April 26: Earth Day

BRADFORD'S ANNUAL AUCTION

Online bidding began on April 1st, register to bid now. The live event is April 11th starting at 5:30 pm at Bradford Church, 5810 8th Ave, Kenosha. Auction website <https://bradfordauction2026.auctria.events>.



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

It's time to start thinking about what deliciousness you can create for the Auction Bake Table. We need your sweet treats: cookies, brownies, cakes, pies, cupcakes, muffins, sweet rolls, breads, candies, spiced nuts, etc. Last year, we sold out! See Dani or David for details.

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

New Member Welcome: Sunday, April 19 during worship, followed by a potluck. Contact Joy Latuvnik for childcare or questions.

ALL CHURCH SPRING CLEAN UP

Join us outside sprucing up the church yard on **Sat. April 25, 10 am**. Bring your rakes, trimmers, blowers, gloves, etc. Questions, or comments? **Contact Diane Giles at (262)308-5471.**

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Social Concerns Committee Collecting school supplies and hygiene items for Washington Middle School (Special Education) **from March 29–April 19. Drop off in boxes at the back of the sanctuary; item list available at church.**

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