

Water Communion 2.0

Director of Community Worship: Patti Fitchett

Music Director: Rhys-Maxwell Barnes

10:00 A.M. Sunday, August 9th, 2026

Sung Meditation

- Sarah Dan Jones

*When I breathe in, I breathe in peace
When I breathe out, I breathe out love.*

Call to Worship & Welcome

Prelude – *Water from an Ancient Well*

- Abdullah Ibrahim

Chalice Lighting

- Leslie Takahashi

*We gather as many drops, each winding our own path down
life's surfaces and ruts.*

Here we pool together as a single body, flowing together for a time.

Together we are a stream, at times even a river,

*With our shared force we can travel toward oceans of meaning and seas
of connection.*

Hymn #100 – *I've Got Peace Like a River*

Opening Reading – *The Cycle That Connects Us*

- Molly Housh Gordon & Jamila Batchelder

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Meditation – *What is Water Communion*

- Randy Partain

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

Offertory – *Air from "Water Music"*

- GF Handel

Water Ceremony

Blessing of the Water – **Response: "This water is sacred"**

Reading – *All Water Is One Water*

- Mel Hoover & Rose Edington

Hymn #1007 – *There's A River Flowin' In My Soul*

Extinguishing the Chalice

- Eric Williams

May the firmness of the earth be yours.

May the flow of the water be yours.

May the freedom of the air be yours.

May the fierceness of the fire be yours.

May all of the gifts of this life,

The Below and the Above,

Be with you now and remain with you always.

Benediction – *Advice From a River*

-Ilan Shamir

Postlude – *Swimming to the Other Side*

- Pat Humphries & Lui Collins

Announcements

Please join us after the service for coffee hour.

IN GRATITUDE

Special thanks to Leann Pomaville from Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church in Racine for the new take on Water Communion. Also thanks to Rhys-Maxwell Barnes, Destiny Cooks, Dani Lockwood, David Lockwood, our Sound Team, and those who provided hospitality.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BRADFORD UU

Sunday, August 9: Water Communion 2.0

Sunday, August 16: Music Ministry

Sunday, August 23: Rev. Dawn Cooley's first service!

SAVE THE DATE

Our Annual Animal Blessing service will be Sunday, August 30th. We hold the service outside for the comfort of our animal companions, and afterward everyone is welcome to walk down the block to Scoops Ice Cream for dog-friendly ice cream as well as goodies for their humans.

BOOK CLUB SUGGESTIONS

Bradford's Book Club is asking for book suggestions for our new reading list. We read a mix of fiction and nonfiction, all genres, both classics and newer releases. Any book that will lead to a thoughtful and lively discussion will be considered, and those available in multiple formats are preferred. **Contact Jennifer at jjburns1966@gmail.com**

WISCONSIN PRIMARY ELECTION REMINDER

Wisconsin's Partisan Primary Election is August 11th, and mail in ballots have been sent out. **Check your registration status, see a sample ballot, and more at myvote.wi.gov.** **Note:** Several candidates in the Democratic primary for governor have dropped out of the race, and one re-entered the race. Unfortunately, if you already mailed or turned in your absentee ballot, there is no way to cancel your ballot and get a new one in Wisconsin.

SUPPORTERS OF SHELTER

Supporters of Shelter is collecting sleeping bags for Kenoshans who are living outside due to a lack of housing. Bring clean, new, or gently used sleeping bags to church, and we will get them to those who need them, cash donations are also welcome, and we will do the shopping. **N 95 masks are also needed due to poor air quality.** Contact Diane Giles at 2020grandmafly@gmail.com with questions.

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