

Blessing the Questions

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10:00 A.M. Sunday, May 17th, 2026

Gathering Music

- Sarah Dan Jones

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

Call to Worship & Welcome

Prelude – *Blown' in the Wind*

- Bob Dylan

Chalice Lighting

- Rev. Tess Baumberger

*We gather as a community of spiritual seekers,
Always ready to awaken each other's curiosity
In this beautiful, challenging, and complex world.
May we enter our worship today with open minds,
Warm hearts, and spirits entranced with possibility -
Of healing, of hope, of transformation, of justice.
Come, let us worship.*

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

Reading – *Beatitudes for Justice Builders*

- Rev. Lindi Ramsden

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Meditation –

Offertory – *Trumpet Tune*

- Henry Purcell

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Closing Hymn #291 – *Die Gedanken Sind Frei*

Extinguishing the Chalice

- Rev. Michelle Collins (adapted)

*We extinguish our chalice flame,
But now the wider world waits
with its own riddles and revelations.
May we walk gently,
listening for the quiet "what if"
beneath the noise of our everyday lives.
May curiosity keep our spirits open
and our hearts wide.*

Benediction – *The Inner Tilt of the Head*

- Rev. Michelle Collins

Postlude – *A Whole New World from "Aladdin"*

- Alan Menken

Announcements

Please join us after the service for coffee and conversation.

IN GRATITUDE

Special thanks to Rhys-Maxwell Barnes, Destiny Cooks, David Lockwood, our Sound Team, and those who provided hospitality.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BRADFORD UU

Sunday, May 17: Blessing the Questions

Sunday, May 24: The Ecstasy and the Laundry

Sunday, May 31: Load Bearing Structure

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The **Social Concerns committee** will be meeting after the service on Sunday, May 17th. All are welcome to join us!

CUSH

CUSH is providing **Local Leader Training** sessions on Sunday 5/17 1-8 pm, Tuesday 5/19 4-8 pm, and Sunday 5/24 1-8 pm. You can attend 1, 2, or 3 sessions, each one is different. For more information and to register, go to cushkenosha.org/events

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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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