

BRADFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

LIVING SPIRITUALLY, LEADING BRAVELY, LOVING BOLDLY

The Gift of Presence



10:00 A.M. Sunday, December 1st, 2024

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Gathering Music

- Sarah Dan Jones

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

Call to Worship & Announcements

- Rev. Erik David Carlson

Welcome

Prelude – “Coming in and Out of Your Life”

- Parker & Whiteside

Chalice Lighting

- Linda Barnes

***Suspended between all that was and all that might be,
we struggle to find this very moment—to live this very moment.
Let us sit together for a moment, and savor this moment.
Let us relish this between time where past meets future,
Let us harbor a faith that reminds us that right now, right here, is enough.***

Opening Hymn #1002 – “Comfort Me”

Time for All Ages – *The Rabbit Listened*

- Cori Doerrfeld

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Reflection

Musical Meditation – “If it Be Your Will”

- Leonard Cohen

Offertory – “Loch Lomand”

- Scottish Trad.

Reflection – “The Gift of Presence”

- Rev. Erik David Carlson

Closing Song – “Listening”

- Lea Morris

Extinguishing the Chalice

- Kalidasa (adapt.)

***... yesterday is but a dream
And tomorrow is only a vision;
Today well-lived, makes
Yesterday a dream of happiness
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.***

Benediction

Postlude/Recessional – “So Close, Yet So Far”

- Joy Byers

Coffee hour & UU Seekers following service! All are welcome!

IN GRATITUDE

Special thanks to everyone who made this worship possible in musician Alex Poyner, technician Warren Leisemann, and those who provided today's hospitality!

HOLIDAY CHOIR



Come one or come all! Bradford UU is starting up a holiday choir and looking for anyone who wants to have fun singing some easy and knowable all times favorites such as "Little Town of Bethlehem," "Go Tell It On the Mountain," and "Silent Night." No previous experience or ability to read sheet music is required. Rehearsals will be Sundays after church at 11:45am until 12:30/12:45pm, and will be held in the sanctuary.

FROM SOCIAL CONCERNS

Sunday November 24th we will kick off this year's Giving Tree to collect gifts for children served by Kenosha Family and Aging Services programs. The tree will have tags with information about the child and needed gift items. Take a tag, buy a gift, wrap and return it to church on or before Sunday, December 15th. Questions? Contact Ruth Donalds at ruthdonalds@aol.com



RED SLEIGH CAMPAIGN FOR SHALOM CENTER – STARTS DECEMBER 1ST



The annual fundraiser for the Shalom Center, The Red Sleigh Campaign, will kick off on December 1st and continue through January 5th. Donations are matched by Barth Storage to double our impact.

UU SEEKERS: THIS SUNDAY!

Interested in learning more about Bradford UU? Want to find out how you can get involved in our community? Curious about Unitarian Universalism and our role in the world?

Join us next Sunday, December 1st after service for an informal discussion with Rev. Erik and the membership team!



UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS AT BRADFORD UU

Sunday, December 1st – 10:00am – "Gift of Presence"
- 11:15am – "UU Seekers: Membership Class"
Sunday, December 8th – 10:00am – "Voice Still and Small"
Sunday, December 15th - 10:00am – "Presence of the Now"
- 1:00pm – Ginger Helgeson Memorial
Friday, December 20th – 7:00pm – Winter Solstice Celebration
Sunday, December 22nd – 10:00am – "Music of the Season"
Tuesday, December 24th – 6:00pm – Candlelight Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 29th – 10:00am – "A Year's Reflections"
Sunday, January 5th – 10:00am – The UU Hysterical Society

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