

BRADFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

LIVING SPIRITUALLY, LEADING BRAVELY, LOVING BOLDLY

The Presence of the Now



10:00 A.M. Sunday, December 15th, 2024
[http:// BradfordUU.org](http://BradfordUU.org)

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 – “I’ll be There”

- Jackson 5

Chalice Lighting

- Jezebel Anat

***Let us come into a calm, clear place
Where we can relinquish our clutter and relax from busyness into being...
Where we can breathe in peace
And center ourselves in love...***

Time for All Ages – *The Candy Dish*

- Kobi Yamada & Adelina Lirus

Opening Hymn #16 – “A Gift to Be Simple”

- Quaker trad.

Reading – *The Power of Now* (excerpts)

- Eckhart Tolle

- Shared by Dani Lockwood

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Reflection

Musical Meditation – “Time”

- Waters, Gilmore, Wright, Mason

Reading – *The Power of Now* (excerpts)

- Eckhart Tolle

Offertory – “I Wanna Be Around”

- Mercer & Vimmerstoft

Reflection – “Presence of the Now”

- Rev. Erik David Carlson

Closing Hymn #347 – “Gather the Spirit”

Extinguishing the Chalice

- Rev. Krista Taves

***It is our work, shared with each other in covenant,
That creates and sustains this beloved community.
We extinguish this chalice, but its light lives on
in the directions we have chosen today.
The light of this faith lives on in us, together,
in our hearts, minds, bodies and spirits.***

Benediction

Postlude/Recessional – “The Nearness of You”

- Carmichael & Washington

Coffee hour following service! All are welcome!

IN GRATITUDE

Special thanks to everyone who made this worship possible in Dani Lockwood, musicians Alex Poyner and Rev. Erik, 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! Rehearsals will be Sundays after church at 11:45am until 12:30/12:45pm, and will be held in the sanctuary.

GIVING TREE GIFTS DUE THIS SUNDAY!

Our 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 – RUNS THROUGH JANUARY 5TH



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.

ROOM AT THE INN

The cold weather has increased the need for motel vouchers for those living outside. Immanuel United Methodist Church and Kenosha Human Development Services are asking for community support to ensure that no one in Kenosha spends Christmas without a warm, safe place to sleep. Donations can be made to



Immanuel United Methodist Church,
5410 Sheridan Road
Kenosha, WI 53140

Kenosha Human Development Services
3536 52nd St.
Kenosha, WI 53144

Checks should have "motel vouchers" written on the memo line. For more, contact Marietta Huff at 262-818-7939.

PEOPLE'S PANTRY KENOSHA – IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

The People's Pantry, located in the basement of Grace Lutheran Church, 2006 60th St. in Kenosha, is in desperate need of volunteers to pack food to be given to families on Monday and Tuesday mornings, 9:30 am to noon. No heavy lifting required. Help with other tasks, like breaking down boxes and clean up are also needed. Volunteer weekly, biweekly or monthly. Speak with Diane Giles (262) 308-5471, for more information.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS AT BRADFORD UU

Saturday, December 14th – 10:30am – Julie Hugues Visitation & Memorial

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

Sunday, January 12th – 10:00am – "Storied Evolution"

Sunday, January 19th – 10:00am – "Stories of Civil Rights"

Sunday, January 26th – 10:00am – "Bradford UU's Story"

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We thank you for your generous support!

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