



PEOPLE'S CHURCH
of Kalamazoo

Water Service September 11, 2022

Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering Jennifer Drake

Opening Words / 'The First Water is the Body' Part 1
Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Today's main text is 'The First Water is the Body' by Natalie Diaz

Words of Welcome Laura MacLellan

Announcements Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Introit 'Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield' (#162)
Jennifer Drake & Savannah Ramsey

Chalice Lighting Laura MacLellan

If you are lighting a chalice at home, you are encouraged to type in the chat box 'A chalice is lit in (your neighborhood/city/street).'

(Words: 'Thirsty' by Gregory Pelley)

An Ingathering Message from Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray,
President of the Unitarian Universalist Association

Calling the Directions
Diane Melvin, Director of Religious Education

Affirming our Connections

'The First Water is the Body' Part 2 Diane Melvin

Collecting Waters

Song 'There's a River Flowing in My Soul' (#1007)
Jennifer Drake & Savannah Ramsey

'The First Water is the Body' Part 3 Laura MacLellan
Gathering Waters Together

Water bearers: People's Church Board Members Tom Hackley, Matt Johnson, Brian Lewis, and Donna McClurkan

Offering Rev. Rachel Lonberg

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Offertory Darryl Loiacano

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us Laura MacLellan

*From the countless gifts we each have been given,
gifts of life and love and sustenance,
we bring these small portions to share in the works of love
which none of us can accomplish alone.*

'The First Water is the Body' part 4 Laura MacLellan
Joys and Sorrows

Searching for Wisdom and Inspiration

Spoken Meditation 'The Strength of Water'
by Jamila Batchelder and Molly Housh Gordon

Receiving the Blessing of Community

Song 'Rivers of Grace' (Gates)

Music

Returning to the World

'The First Water is the Body' Part 5 Diane Melvin

Closing song 'Blue Boat Home' (Mayer) Darryl Loiacano

Closing words Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Postlude

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms available on Zoom