



Membership Celebration
Order of Service
October 9, 2022

Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering	'Come Sing a Song With Me' (#346)
Opening Words	Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Words of Welcome	Chris Measzros
Announcements	Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Introit	'People of Hope' (Loiacano)
Chalice Lighting	Chris Measzros

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: 'For Each and For All' by Erik Walker Wikstrom

Affirming our Connections

Unison Reading 'Bond of Union' Brian Lewis, Board of Trustees
Earnestly desiring to develop in ourselves and in the world honest, reverent thought, faithfulness to our highest conception of right living, the spirit of love and service to all people, and allegiance towards all the interests of morality and religion, as interpreted by the growing thought and purest lives of humanity:

We join ourselves together hoping to help one another in all good things and advance the cause of pure and practical religion in the

community. We base our union upon no creed test but upon the purpose herein expressed and welcome all who wish to join us to help establish truth, righteousness and love in all the world.

Welcoming Our Newest Members Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Matt Johnson, Marti Peters-Sparling, and Rick Johnson,
Board of Trustees

Children and Teacher Recessional 'Go Forth' (Ramsey/Drake)

*Go forth in peace, in search of wisdom,
With love to guide you on your way
And may the joy of life surround you
Wherever you may go.*

Offering Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Support the good and important work of People's Church:

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Offertory 'Life Calls Us On' (Gibbons/Shelton) People's Singers

*Here in reverence now we gather
For the blessings we have known,
With a pledge to one another
That we journey not alone.
Joy and sorrow make us wise,
Kin to all that lives and dies;
Love calls us on, love calls us on.*

*Words and deeds of those before us
Waken here to keep us strong;
Blend our voices in the chorus
Of creation's living song.
Courage bids us lift our eyes
Upward to the shining skies;
Hope calls us on, hope calls us on.*

*Loyal guides in love and duty
Lead us with a trusted light;
Blest are they whose inward beauty
Shows the path of truth and right.*

*Honor is their earthly prize;
By their work we realize,
Faith calls us on, faith calls us on.*

*We have shared a radiant hour
When the truth has made us free,
And the spirit's gracious power
Dreamed of good that yet shall be.
Bright the path before us lies.
Joyful pilgrims, now we rise;
Life calls us on, life calls us on*

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us Chris Measzros

*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.*

Joys and Sorrows Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Searching for Wisdom and Inspiration

Silent Meditation

Embodied Meditation Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Musical meditation 'Find a Stillness' (#352)

Reading 'Red Brocade' by Naomi Shihab Nye

Spoken Reflection 'Because Church' Rev. Sean Neil-Barron
from the UUA General Assembly Sunday Service, 2022

Music 'This Little Light of Mine' (#118)

Sermon Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Returning to the World

Closing song Jennifer Drake, Savannah Ramsey & Gerren Young

'Fire of Commitment' (#1028)

*From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits Into faith set free from fear.*

Chorus:

*When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.*

*From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty. (Chorus)*

*From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice (Chorus)*

Closing words

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Fire Drill for In-Person Attendees

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms

All are invited to stay on Zoom for 15 minutes of small group conversation.

Welcome the newest members of People's Church!



Ann Terwilliger

I am proud of being a UU since February of 1962 at UU Church West in Brookfield, WI. After living in the Milwaukee area all my life, in early December of 2019 I moved to a home next to my youngest daughter, Jill, in Kalamazoo. I love the outdoors, art and architecture, and classical music. I taught elementary grades for a few years, had two daughters and eventually worked in the field of social work and as a therapist with adolescents. I am enjoying Kalamazoo and People's Church.



Ernsts

Beth and Monty Kozbial Ernst are educators at Western Michigan University, Beth teaching business communications in the Haworth College of Business, and Monty teaching film interpretation and literature in the Lee Honors College. Their son Theodore (Teddy) loves creating with LEGOS, is on a LEGOS Robotics competition team, and is enjoying learning Taekwondo from Grand Master M'Hammed.



Mike Leonard



"Thank you all for welcoming me so long before I got around to becoming a member. I am looking forward to contributing more to the community than "just" my voice through more volunteering and participating in community life."

Amber Stilson

I went to People's Church as a kid, left for a while, and am glad to be back! I'm a baker, a homesteader, and have one son (Sai). I use they/them pronouns.



Wurthsmiths

Brianna Wurthsmith moved to Kalamazoo last year from Southeastern Michigan with her amazing husband, Dave. She loves trying new things, and consequently has a lot of interests and hobbies. She's looking forward to getting more involved with the community at People's Church.



Dave Wurthsmith is a passionate nerd who's looking forward to meeting everyone here at People's Church. He loves reading, creative writing, and role-playing games like Dungeons &

Dragons. When he's not busy working as a Physical Therapist Assistant, Dave enjoys biking and hopes to bike all the way to South Haven on the Kal-Haven Trail next year.

Sauters

Martin Sauter: I am a recent transplant from southeast Michigan where I ran a small family business for many years. Currently I reside in Paw Paw and keep occupied with family time, traveling and reading. I try to stay active with the same social issues that I embraced from my youth.



Sharon Sauter: I spent most of my life as an educator on the other side of the state. I returned to the Kalamazoo area 3 years ago to be closer to my children, grandchildren and parents. I am active with Reiki, meditation, volunteering and am involved with an introspective social justice book club. I also enjoy gardening, walking and hanging with my grandkids.

Laura Lee

I'm close to finishing a book I'm writing about the year I spent traveling around the country in an RV. And I like to snowshoe through the woods --- and I like to camp in the woods - but only in the summertime!



Darrick Hubbard

