



Order of Service
January 1, 2023

Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering

Opening Words

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Words of Welcome

Gordon Bolar

Announcements

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Introit

'Deck the Hall' (#235)

Chalice Lighting

Gordon Bolar

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: 'A Flame to Light our Path' by Debra Burrell

Reflecting on 2022

Song

'Rise Up, O Flame' (#362)

Joys and Sorrows

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Silent Meditation

Sung Meditation

'Meditation on Breathing' (#1009)

Readings

'Burning the Old Year' by Naomi Shihab Nye

'A Purification' by Wendell Berry

Fire Ritual

You are invited to write or draw the things you don't want to carry with you into the new year on the paper and then burn them in the candles. (Be careful; the paper will ignite and burn quickly.)

Offering

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Support the good and important work of People's Church:

www.tinyurl.com/givetopeoples

Offertory

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us

Gordon Bolar

*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.*

Welcoming 2023

Song 'Turn the World Around' (#1074)

Readings 'A Rock in Our Pocket' by Theresa Ninán Soto

'Relentless' by Sean Parker Dennison

Meditation with Stones

A Waterfall of Blessings, a Snowball Fight of Blessings

Returning to the World

Closing song

'Auld Lang Syne'

Closing words

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Postlude

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms

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