



**We Remember  
Order of Service  
May 28, 2023**

**Gathering of Community**

Music for Gathering

Opening Words

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Words of Welcome

John MacLellan

Announcements

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Introit

'This is My Song' (#159)

Chalice Lighting

John 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:

**Affirming our Connections**

Time for All

'Why Death is Like the Banana Tree,' a folktale from Madagascar

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

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:

[www.tinyurl.com/givingtopeoples](http://www.tinyurl.com/givingtopeoples)



Offertory

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us

John 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.*

Joys and Sorrows

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

**Searching for Wisdom and Inspiration**

Silent Meditation

Spoken Meditation

Montage of Beloved People who have Died in the Past Year

Music: Jennifer Drake

Readings

'Sharing Losses' by Atena O. Danner

from *Inciting Joy: Essays* by Ross Gay

from *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* by Ocean Vuong

Music

'Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads' (#324)

Homily

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Candle Lighting Ritual

Music: Jennifer Drake

**Returning to the World**

Closing song

'My Life Flows On in Endless Song' (#108)

lead by People's Singers

Closing words

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Postlude

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms

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