

# Burning the Old Year: A Fire Service December 31, 2023

## **Gathering of Community**

Music for Gathering

Opening Words Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Words of Welcome Bob Davis

Announcements Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Chalice Lighting Bob Davis

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).'

Introit 'Rise Up, O Flame' (#362)

## Reflecting on 2023

Joys and Sorrows Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Silent Meditation

Sung Meditation 'Filled with Loving Kindness' (#1031)

Readings 'Last Scraps of Color in Missouri' by Karen Craigo

'Burning the Old Year' by Naomi Shihab Nye

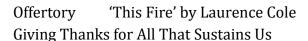
#### Fire Ritual

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

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www.tinyurl.com/givingtopeoples



People's Singers Bob Davis

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 2024**

Readings 'Portal' by Emily Wright-Magoon 'Future' Jacqueline Suskin

Meditation with Stones

### **Returning to the World**

Closing song

Closing Blessing

'The New Year' by Kathleen McTigue (excerpt)

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Postlude

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms
All are invited to stay on Zoom for 15 minutes of small group conversation.