



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 Craig

'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

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

www.tinyurl.com/givingtopeoples



Offertory 'This Fire' by Laurence Cole

People's Singers

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us

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

'Auld Lang Syne'

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.