



## Harm Reduction as an Ethical Guide

November 12, 2023

### Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering

Opening Words

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Words of Welcome

John MacLellan

Announcements

Rev. Rachel Lonberg, Maggie Wilson,

Jen Docsa-Koehler

Introit

'People of Hope' (Loiacano)

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: from Edward Everett Hale

### New Member Ritual

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

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

Traditional Hindu Prayer

translated and adapted by Abhi Janamanchi

Musical meditation

'Find a Stillness' (#352)

Readings

'Perfectionism is a Thief' by An Anonymous Author,  
from *This Day in Recovery*

'Chose to Bless the World' by Rebecca Ann Parker  
'Today, When I Could Do Nothing' by Jane Hirschfield

Music

'Creative Love, Our Thanks We Give'  
(lyrics #289, music #165)

Sermon

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

### Returning to the World

Closing song

'There is More Love Somewhere' (#95)

Closing words  
Postlude

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms

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

**Welcome Some of Our Newest Members!**



Katy Takahashi was born and grew up in San Mateo CA but has lived in Michigan since 1971. She graduated from U.C. Berkeley as an English and Art Major. For many years she had a pottery studio in Kalamazoo.

As a child she went to a Quaker summer camp and before college worked at an American Friends Service Committee work camp in rural Mexico.

Her husband Richard D. Brewer was a long-time member of People's Church.

Kyle Lipinski moved to Kalamazoo from Boulder Colorado during the pandemic with his mom Melissa. He enjoys meditation, going for walks, taking care of his dog and playing video games.



Melissa Dancy loves being in nature, connecting with new and old friends, cooking great meals, collecting rocks, and playing board games. She is an academic engaged in research around STEM education and equity.

Charles Henderson is a longtime resident of Kalamazoo. He enjoys running marathons, cooking sourdough bread (and pizza!), traveling to new places and generally being relaxed and learning new things. He is a professor at WMU in STEM education.

