



**PEOPLE'S CHURCH**  
— of Kalamazoo —

**You Don't Own Me**  
**Amy G.S.A. Brooks**  
**February 4, 2024**

**Gathering of Community**

Music for Gathering

Opening Words

'Who Cares?'

from *A Guest of the World: Meditations* by Jeffrey Lockwood

Amy G.S.A. Brooks

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Matthew Morris McCormick

Introit

'We Give Thanks' (#1010)

Chalice Lighting

Matthew Morris McCormick

*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: 'Open to Unexpected Answers' by Julianne Lepp

**Affirming our Connections**

Song 'There is A Love' (Parker/Norton)

Joys and Sorrows Diane Melvin, Director of Religious Education

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

Matthew Morris McCormick

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

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



Offertory

'When I Am Frightened' (#1012)

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us

Matthew Morris McCormick

*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.*

**Searching for Wisdom and Inspiration**

Silent Meditation

Prayer 'God's Credo'

Amy G.S.A. Brooks

Musical Meditation

'Meditation on Breathing' (#1009)

Reading

'In the Temple' by Amy G.S.A. Brooks

Music

'How Could Anyone' (#1053)

Sermon

Amy G.S.A. Brooks

**Returning to the World**

Closing song

'Blessed Spirit of My Life' (#86)

Closing words

'Exploring the Mystery' from *Stubborn Grace:*

*Faith, Mental Illness, and Demanding a Blessing* by Kate Landis

Amy G.S.A. Brooks

Postlude

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms

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