



PEOPLE'S CHURCH
of Kalamazoo

Now What?

November 10, 2024

Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering 'Prayer Chant' (Miller) People's Singers

We resist, we refuse, to let hatred in.

We rise up, we won't back down,

We're in this 'til the end. (repeat)

Pray for your enemies, welcome the stranger,

Show love to your neighbor, we're in this 'til the end.

Opening Words Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Words of Welcome Matthew Morris McCormick

Announcements Rev. Rachel Lonberg, Tim Kieffer

Introit 'Now Let Us Sing' (#368)

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: 'Chalice Lighting for Challenging Times' by Lisa Doege

Affirming our Connections

Song 'We Are...' (#1051) lead by People's Singers

Child Dedication Ritual Rev. Rachel Lonberg and

Diane Melvin, Director of Religious Education

Today we dedicate ourselves to Josephine James Nickerson, child of Michelle and Bridget Nickerson

Responsive Reading 'Congregational Blessing for Child Dedication' (#714)

Music Jennifer Drake

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.

Special Offering to Benefit Lincoln International Studies School

Dionna Roberts, Principal, and

Joseph Burrel, Communities in Schools Lincoln Site Coordinator

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Offertory 'Standing Stone' (DeMore) People's Singers

I will be your standing stone, I will stand by you.

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

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Silent Meditation

Musical Meditation 'I Know This Rose Will Open' (#396)

Rachel Bair, Savannah Ramsey, Jennifer Drake

Readings from an interview with Naima Penniman

in *Emergent Strategy* by adrienne maree brown

'Because' by Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer

'Write-Ins for President' by Leath Tonino

Song 'There is More Love Somewhere' (#95)

Sermon Now What? Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Returning to the World

Closing song 'People of Hope' (Loiacano)

Tim Sparling, Gerren Young, Jennifer Drake

Closing words Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Postlude

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms

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