



An Honest Thanksgiving November 17, 2024

Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering 'TBD' (Connor Chee) Jennifer Drake
Opening Words Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Words of Welcome Bob Davis
Announcements Rev. Rachel Lonberg, Margaret Wilson
Introit 'We Give Thanks' (#1010)
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).'
Words: 'New Light' by Charles A. Howe

Affirming our Connections

Story for All 'The Man and the Lion,' an Aesop's Fable
Rev. Rachel Lonberg
(Image: Pixabay user CrimsonBrainstorm)
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/givetopeoples

Offertory 'TBD' (Connor Chee) Jennifer Drake
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.*



Joys and Sorrows Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Searching for Wisdom and Inspiration

Silent Meditation
Spoken Meditation 'Teach Us to Remember Our History'
by Jude Geiger, adapted
Musical Meditation 'I Know This Rose Will Open' (#396)
Readings from *An Indigenous People's History*
of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz
'Tutuwas' by Joseph Bruchac
'Passive Voice' by Laura Da'
Song 'Creative Love, Our Thanks We Give'
(words #289, tune #34)
Homily Toward an Honest History Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Music
Homily Toward an Honest Future Leeanne Seaver

Returning to the World

Closing song 'Building a New Way' (#1017)
Closing words Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Postlude

A note about today's music:
[Info on Connor Chee here](#)

Complete our congregational survey:
<https://forms.gle/k5PGV7WrikYjkZiF6> or scan
this QR code



Resources and Opportunities to learn more

Gathering:

Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults by Robin Wall Kimmerer
book group – starts today in Room L2 at 12:30

The Green Sanctuary film series will address issues of land – this
will happen in early 2025

If you would like to join the ‘Reckoning Team’ working on land
acknowledgement and Related Issues, please reach out to Rev.
Rachel

Reading:

An Indigenous People’s History of the United States by Roxanne
Dunbar-Ortiz

Whereas by Layli Long Soldier, poetry

New Poets of Native Nations, ed. By Heid E. Erdrich

Reckoning: Kalamazoo College Uncovers Its Racial and Colonial Past
by Anne Dueweke, local history

Social Media:

Rowan White, Founder of Indigenous Seedkeepers Network:
<https://www.facebook.com/rowenwhite/about> overview

Honor the Earth:

<https://www.facebook.com/HonorTheEarthOfficial>

Giniw Collective: <https://www.facebook.com/giniwcollective>

Other Resources:

The Kalamazoo Public has excellent local history information, both
online and at their Central location

The American Buffalo, a 2023 documentary film by Ken Burns

‘The Problem, Practicality, and Power of Land Acknowledgments’
<https://www.5280.com/2022/04/the-problem-practicality-and-power-of-land-acknowledgments/>

The Better Way to Right an Old Wrong’

<https://nativenewsonline.net/opinion/the-better-way-to-right-an-old-wrong>

‘A Guide to Indigenous Land Acknowledgement’

<https://nativegov.org/news/a-guide-to-indigenous-land-acknowledgment/>