



Pandemic, Five Years In...
March 16, 2025

Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering
Opening Words Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Words of Welcome Matthew Morris McCormick
Announcements Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Introit 'We Are Gathered' (Udis-Kessler)
Savannah Ramsey & Jennifer Drake
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
Stewardship Moment Joe Hampel, Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Affirming our Connections

Time for All
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 Julie Schneeberger & Rick Johnson

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.*

Joys and Sorrows

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Searching for Wisdom and Inspiration

Silent Meditation

Spoken Meditation 'Litany of Intentions in a Time of Pandemic'
by Joanna Lin Want

Musical Meditation 'Find a Stillness' (#352)

Readings 'Corona' by Elizabeth Bullmer
from *The Great Believers* by Rebecca Makkai

Music 'Notions' by Paula Gordon Lepp
'Meditation on Breathing' (#1009)

Homily 'Pandemic, Five Years In...' Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Ritual *light candles for grief and empty places
place stones and release artifacts to release burdens
stick hearts to a globe send love
tie ribbons to remember silver linings*

Returning to the World

Closing song 'I Need You To Survive' (Frazier)

Closing words 'Benediction for a People in Pandemic'
by Anya Sammler-Michael
Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Postlude

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms

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