



**There are No Other People's Children: Religious
Education Kickoff Sunday
September 28, 2025**

Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering	Jennifer Drake & Savannah Ramsey
Opening Words	Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Words of Welcome	Matthew Morris McCormick
Announcements	Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Special Announcement	Lori Rupe
Introit	'Lead with Love' (DeMore) lead by Savannah Ramsey
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 Children's Sunday' by Christian Schmidt and Alexis Capen

Affirming our Connections

Welcome to the 2025-26 Religious Education Program
Diane Melvin, Director of Religious Education

Religious Education Leader Dedication

Responsive Reading 'Covenant for Honoring Children'

Congregation: We find these joys to be self-evident: That all children are created whole, endowed with innate intelligence, and with dignity and wonder. All children are worthy of

respect. As the embodiment of life, liberty and happiness, children are original blessings, here to learn their own song. Every child is entitled to love, dream, and belong to a loving community.

Religious Education Teachers: We affirm our duty to nourish and nurture the young, to honor their caring ideals as the heart of being human. We recognize the early years as the foundation of life, and cherish the contribution of children to human evolution.

Congregation: We commit ourselves to peaceful ways and vow to keep children from harm or neglect. As guardians of their prosperity, we honor the bountiful Earth whose diversity sustains us. Thus we pledge our love for generations to come.
(adapted from The Raffi Foundation)

Children and Teacher Recessional	'Go Forth' (Ramsey/Drake)
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*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
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Offertory	Jennifer Drake & Savannah Ramsey
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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
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Searching for Wisdom and Inspiration

Silent Meditation	
Spoken Meditation	'Our Great Calling' by Nathan Ryan

Musical Meditation 'Breathe In' (Mayer)
lead by Laura Bultman

Readings 'Wedding Cake' by Naomi Shihab Nye
'Tinsel' by Maren C. Tirabassi
from *Crisis Contemplation: Healing the Wounded Village*
by Barbara A. Holmes

Song 'We Laugh, We Cry' (#354)

Sermon 'There are No Other People's Children'
Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Returning to the World

Closing song 'Life Calls Us On' (Gibbons/Shelton)
lead by People's Singers

Closing words Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Postlude

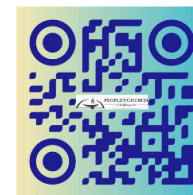
Coffee Quarter breakout rooms

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

We need your help!



Scan the QR code to
access our RE
volunteer sign-up
form!



Our Religious Education Program is a cooperative effort:
it works because People's people share their time and
energy. Any contribution, big or small, is always deeply
appreciated!

RE Committee Members:

Jen Docsa-Koehler, Dan Bair, Birdie Stilson, Jackie Himmelright, Jen Rice, Chris Moore, Rowan Jakobah, Lenore Yaeger, Joe Tourtois

RE Teachers:

- **Preschool/Kindergarten:** Denise Valette, Joe Tourtois, Jen Docsa-Koehler, Justin Koehler
- **1st/2nd Grade:** Teresa Cavanagh, Marti Peters-Sparling, Chris Measzros, Diana Rankinen
- **3rd/4th Grade:** Mary Kate Webster, Maggie Wilson, Ann Feldmeier
- **5th/6th Grade:** Rachel Bair, Juli Ginn, Cindy Pietras
- **7th/8th Grade:** Rowan Jakobah, Ben Jones, Missy Howse-Kurtz
- **9th-12th Grade:** Don Miller, Lenore Yaeger, Dakota Jakobah, Steve Cavanagh