



A Metaphor that Moves Me

Ed Smith

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Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering	People's Ringers
Opening Words	Ed Smith
Words of Welcome & Announcements	John MacLellan
Introit	'Give Good Gifts' (Shaker Hymn)
	People's Singers & Congregation
Chalice Lighting	John MacLellan

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:

Affirming our Connections

Time for All	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	John MacLellan
Support the good and important work of People's Church:	

www.tinyurl.com/givetopeoples

Offertory	'What Wondrous Love' (#18)
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Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us	John MacLellan
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*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	John MacLellan
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Searching for Wisdom and Inspiration

Silent Meditation	
Spoken Meditation	Ed Smith
Musical Meditation	'Spirit of Life' (#123)
Readings	Excerpt from "Honest to God" by Paul Tillich On Feuerbach by Lloyd Geering
Music	'A Fountain of Love' (Smith/Ramsey)
Sermon	Ed Smith

Returning to the World

Closing song	'Make Channels for the Streams of Love' (#299)
Closing words	Ed Smith
Postlude	'A Fountain of Love' reprise

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms

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