



**Fire Service**  
**December 28, 2025**

**Gathering of Community**

Music for Gathering

Opening Words

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Words of Welcome

Gordon Bolar

Announcements

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Chalice Lighting

Gordon Bolar

*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).'*

Introit

'Rise Up, O Flame' (#362)

**Reflecting on 2025**

Joys and Sorrows

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Silent Meditation

Spoken Meditation

from *Black Liturgies* by Cole Arthur Riley

Sung Meditation

'Find a Stillness' (#352)

Readings

'Last Scraps of Color in Missouri' by Karen Craigo

'A Purification' by Wendell Berry

Song

'This Little Light of Mine' (#118)

Fire Ritual

*You are invited to write or draw the things you don't want to carry with you into the new year on the paper and then burn them in the candles. (Be careful; the paper will ignite and burn quickly.)*

Offering

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Support the good and important work of People's Church:

[www.tinyurl.com/givingtopeoples](http://www.tinyurl.com/givingtopeoples)



Offertory

'This Fire' (Cole) People's Singers

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us

Gordon Bolar

*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.*

**Welcoming 2026**

Readings

'Darkest Before Dawn' by James Crews

'Courage Stones' from *The Circle of Life* by Joyce Rupp  
and Macrina Wiederkehr

Meditation with Stones

**Returning to the World**

Holiday Greetings

Rev. Dr. Sofía Betancourt,

President of the Unitarian Universalist Association

Closing song

'Auld Lang Syne'

Closing Blessing

'The New Year' by Kathleen McTigue (excerpt)

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms

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