



Fire Service December 28, 2025

Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering

Opening Words

Words of Welcome

Announcements

Chalice Lighting

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

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

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'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 Craig

'A Purification' by Wendell Berry

'This Little Light of Mine' (#118)

Song

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



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 McGigue (excerpt)

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms

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