



When Bad People Make Good Art

January 4, 2026

Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering

Opening Words

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Words of Welcome

Laura Bultman

Announcements

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Introit

'Now Let Us Sing' (#368)

Chalice Lighting

Laura Bultman

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: 'On the Brink of a New Year' by Lois Van Leer

Affirming our Connections

Time for All 'The Wise Teacher's Test,' a Japanese Buddhist Story

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

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

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us

Laura Bultman

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

Musical meditation

'There is a Love' (Parker/Norton)

Readings

Laurie Stone, quoted in *I Like to Watch* by Emily Nussbaum

from *How to Be Perfect* by Michael Schur

'The Poet I Wish I Was' by Karenne Wood

Music

'Dona Nobis' (#388)

Sermon

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Returning to the World

Closing song

'Building a New Way' (#1017)

Closing words

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Postlude

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms

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

