



PEOPLE'S CHURCH
— of Kalamazoo —

Pride Service
June 7, 2026

Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering 'Whoever You Are' (Walker) People's Singers
 Opening Words Rev. Rachel Lonberg
 'A Protest and a Party' by Hannah Roberts Villnave
 Words of Welcome John MacLellan
 Announcements Rev. Rachel Lonberg
 Introit 'Draw the Circle Wide' (Miller) lead by People's Singers
 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: 'Joy and Power that Grow' by Jami Yandle

Affirming our Connections

Time for All *Bodies are Cool* by Tyler Feder
 Diane Melvin, Director of Religious Education
 Offering Rev. Rachel Lonberg

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Offertory 'Love Like You' (Rebecca Sugar)
 Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us John MacLellan

*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
 Silent Meditation

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Blessings for Pride

Spoken Meditation 'An Elemental Body Blessing' by Noel Lemen
 Music 'As I Am' (Osborne)
 Responsive Litany John MacLellan and Diane Melvin
 Congregational response: "***We are precious & we are powerful.***"

Musical Refrain 'As I Am' (Osborne)
 Glitter Blessing Rev. Rachel Lonberg and Diane Melvin
All are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to be blessed at your seat, please raise your arm or otherwise let us know. A special blessing will be offered to those with us on Zoom or Youtube.

Returning to the World

Closing song 'This Joy' (Resistance Revival Chorus)
 Closing words Rev. Rachel Lonberg
 Postlude

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms
 All are invited to stay on Zoom for 15 minutes of small group conversation.

Credit: Our blessing liturgy is adapted from 'For Pride' by Rev. Hannah Roberts Villnave, Rev. Kayla Parker, and Rev. Caitlin Cotter Coillberg in *Blessing It All: Rituals for Transition and Transformation*