



**Our Blue Boat Home
Water Service
September 13, 2026**

This is a service for all ages. Everyone is encouraged to stay in The Commons for the service. We have fidget toys and art materials for all. The nursery is open to care for our youngest children (age 5 and under) if that is the best fit for them.

Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering	Owen
Opening Words	'River Call' by Manish K. Mishra-Marzetti Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Words of Welcome	Donna McClurkan
Announcements	Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Introit	'There's a River Flowin' in My Soul' (#1007)
Chalice Lighting	Donna McClurkan
<i>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).'</i>	
Words: from <i>The Circle of Life</i> by Joyce Rupp and Macrina	
Wiederkehr	

Searching for Wisdom

Readings	'Poem of the One World' by Mary Oliver Donna McClurkan
from <i>Braiding Sweetgrass</i> by Robin Wall Kimmerer	
Diane Melvin, Director of Religious Education	

Meditation Song
The Story of the Water Ritual

'Breathe In' (Mayer)
Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Affirming Our Connections

Collecting Waters

Share with your table or in the Zoom chat the story of your water.

Joys and Sorrows

Share with your table or in the Zoom chat the joys and sorrows in your life today.

Journeying Together

Share with your table or in the Zoom chat a hope for the coming year (for yourself or the congregation) and place boats in the bowl.

Music 'Sailing' (Cross)

Owen Edwards

Gathering Waters Together

Offering

Tom Hackley, People's Church Treasurer

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Offertory

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us

*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.*

Returning to the World

Closing Song

'Blue Boat Home' (Mayer)

Closing words

'Blessing the Boats' by Lucille Clifton
Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Postlude

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms available on Zoom following the service