PEOPLE'S CHURCH
of Kalamazoo

When Words Fail
November 8, 2026

Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering
Opening Words — Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Words of Welcome — Sharon Sauter
Announcements — Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Bazaar Announcement — Tim Kieffer
Introit — 'Lean on Me' (#1021)
Chalice Lighting — Sharon Sauter

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: from *Across that Bridge: Life Lessons and a Vision for Change* by John Lewis

Affirming our Connections

Time for All — *The Rabbit Listened* by Cori Doerrfeld
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.

Special Offering to Benefit Hope for Creation
Molly Mechtenburg, Director

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Offertory
Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us — Sharon Sauter

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 — 'Living in Holy Reciprocity' by Aiden McMahon
Musical meditation — 'There is a Love' (Parker/Norton)
Reflection — Sharon Sauter
Music — 'From You I Receive' (#402)
Reading — 'French Chocolates' by Ellen Bass
Sermon — Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Returning to the World

Closing song — 'We Will Carry Each Other' (Austenfeld)
Closing words — Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Postlude

People's Church
A Beloved Community Embracing and Serving Our Diverse World.

When someone you love is going through something hard:

1. Show up.
2. Offer to talk about it.
3. Offer tangible help.