

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister
“Abolition is Care”
January 19, 2025

Welcome

Prelude — Aina Cook

Opening Words

***Hymn** – “Keep On Moving Forward”

*Gonna keep on moving forward
Keep on moving forward
Keep on moving forward
Never turning back
Never turning back*

*Gonna keep on moving proudly...
Gonna keep on singing loudly...
Gonna keep on loving boldly...
Gonna keep on moving forward...*

Chalice Lighting & Words of Affirmation

*Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law;
this is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.*

Centering Moment – Jamila Batchelder

Stones of Joy and Sorrow

Singing the Children Out

*Live in joy, go in peace
Hold all our love as we part.*

*Live in joy, go in peace
Hold all our love in your heart.*

Joys & Sorrows Prayer

***Hymn #95** – “There is More Love Somewhere”

*There is more love somewhere.
There is more love somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.
There is more love somewhere.*

There is more hope somewhere...

There is more peace somewhere..

There is more joy somewhere...

Reading – *Can We Please Give the Police Department to the Grandmothers?* By
Junauda Petrus

Musical Interlude – Aina Cook

Sermon – “Abolition is Care” by Molly Housh Gordon

***Hymn #155** – “Circle Round For Freedom”

*Circle 'round for freedom, circle 'round for peace,
for all of us imprisoned, circle for release,
circle for the planet, circle for each soul,
for the children of our children, keep the circle whole.*

Offertory – Aina Cook

This morning's offering will be a Faith to Action collection for the Boone County Community Bail Fund.

Give by text to 573-405-1202

Faith-to-Action: Enter amount, with or with a dollar sign, then a space, then the code **f2a**

General collection: Enter amount, with or without a dollar sign

Pledge: Enter amount, then a space, then the word pledge

Or give online at <https://uucomo.org/give/>

Closing Words

***Sung Benediction**

*Now on leaving one another,
May we give of hand and heart.
Let us share our benediction,
Lovingly before we part.*

* Please stand or remain seated as you feel most comfortable.

Is there a way we can make our worship service or community more accessible to you?
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