

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister

“Mutual Aid, Labor and Faith”
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon
Sunday, August 31, 2025

Gathering Song – “When You Arrive” by Anni Zylstra

*When you arrive
We all arrive
So come on in
Let's begin*

*This place awaits
The love you bring
So welcome home
And let us sing*

Welcome

Prelude – “Solidarity Forever” by Ralph Chaplin – Violet Vonder Haar

Opening Words

***Opening Hymn #157 – “Step By Step The Longest March”**

*Step by step the longest march can be won, can be won.
Many stones can form an arch, singly none, singly none.
And by union, what we will can be accomplished still;
drops of water turn a mill, singly none, singly none.*

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

Stones of Joy and Sorrow

Singing Our Children to Class

*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 #318 – “We Would Be One”**

*We would be one as now we join in singing
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew
to that high cause of greater understanding
of who we are, and what in us is true.
We would be one in living for each other
to show to all a new community.*

*We would be one in building for tomorrow
a nobler world than we have known today.
We would be one in searching for that meaning
which bends our hearts and points us on our way.
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,
with love and justice, strive to make us free.*

Reading – “The Low Road” by Marge Piercy

Musical Interlude – “They’ll Never Keep Us Down” by Hazel Dickens – performed by Violet Vonder Haar

Sermon – “Mutual Aid, Labor and Faith: A History” by Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

***Song** – “Our People Gonna Rise” by Emma’s Revolution

Our people gonna rise x2
Listen to our cries, through the pain and lies
Our people gonna rise

Our people gonna sing x2
In spite of everything, hear our freedom ring
Our people gonna sing

Our people gonna fight x2
For what we know is right, we’ll march into the night
Our people gonna fight

Our people gonna grieve x2
Whatever you believe, we have the right to breathe
Our people gonna grieve

Our people gonna pray x2
Try to take our rights away, see you on election day
Our people gonna pray

Our people gonna rise x2
Listen to our cries, through the pain and lies
Our people gonna rise

Offertory – “There is Power in a Union” by Joe Hill – performed by Violet Vonder Haar
This morning’s offering is for the work of the congregation.

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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.

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