

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

“Mutual Aid, Labor and Faith”  
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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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