

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister
“Taking Our Shift”
January 18, 2026

Welcome

Prelude — “All You Fascists Bound to Lose” by Woody Guthrie – performed by Violet Vonder Haar

Opening Words

***Hymn** – “Keep On Moving Forward” by Emma’s Revolution

*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.*

Story – *Teaching for Change: How Septima Clark Led the Civil Rights Movement to Voting Justice* By Yvonne Clark-Rhines, Monica Clark-Robinson, Illustrated by Abigail Albano-Payton – read by Monica Clark-Robinson

***Song – “Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me ‘Round”**

*Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round,
turn me 'round, turn me 'round,
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round
I'm gonna keep on a walkin', keep on a-talkin',
Marching up to freedom land.*

Ain't gonna let racism turn me 'round....

Ain't gonna let no ICE storm turn me 'round...

Ain't gonna let fascism turn me 'round...

Ain't gonna let no hatred turn me 'round...

Stones of Joy and Sorrow

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...

Reflection – “What’s Your Role?”

Musical Interlude – “Keepers of Light” written and performed by Violet Vonder Haar

Claiming Our Place

Offertory – “We Rise” by Batya Levine – performed by Violet Vonder Haar

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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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