

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

**February 8, 2026**  
**“What Are We Doing Here?”**  
**Rev. Jordinn Nelson Long**

**Welcome**

**Prelude** – written and performed by Sam Snively-Shick

**Opening Words**

**Hymn** – “My Roots Go Down” adapted from Rising Appalachia

*My roots go down down down down down (repeat)*  
*My roots go down, down into the earth (repeat)*

**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**

**Interlude** – “Love Is All Around You” written and performed by Michelle Seat

**Stones of Joy & Sorrow**

**Singing the 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**

**Interlude** – “Echo” written and performed by Jeff Ordway

**Reading** – excerpt from *Inciting Joy* by Ross Gay

**\*Hymn** – “Resilience” by Violet Vonder Haar

*I do not worry because I know  
The sky above and earth below  
Help to nourish the seeds i sow  
When I stay open and in the flow*

*Resilience it rises in me  
I plant the seed  
Resilience it rises in me  
I plant the seed*

*And watch it grow  
Stay in the flow  
And watch it grow*

**Sermon** – “What Are We Doing Here?” – Rev. Jordinn Nelson Long

**\*Hymn** – “This Earth is Your Home” by Olivia Fern

*May you know in your bones that this earth is your home  
May you feel in your soul you are worthy and whole  
May you know in your bones that this earth is your home  
May you feel that you belong.*

**Offertory** – “Can We Find the Path Again?” written and performed by Pack Matthews

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## **Closing Words**

### **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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