

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

“Keeping the Faith”
Molly Housh Gordon & Jordinn Nelson Long
March 15, 2026

Welcome

Prelude – Violet Vonder Haar

Opening Words – “spell for reclaiming the moment” by adrienne maree brown

***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.*

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 & 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

Hymn #108 – “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

*My life flows on in endless song above earth’s lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!*

*What though the tempest ‘round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness ‘round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I’m clinging.
Since love prevails in heav’n and earth, how can I keep from singing!*

*When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!
To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!*

Reading – “Instructions on Not Giving Up” by Ada Limón

Interlude – Violet Vonder Haar

Sermon – “Keeping the Faith” by Molly Housh Gordon & Jordinn Nelson Long

***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 – Violet Vonder Haar

This morning’s offering will be a Faith to Action Collection for the Sanctuary & Immigrant Justice Team Rapid Response Fund.

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Closing Words – Rev. Molly Housh Gordon

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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