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

"Start In Your Own Backyard"
November 8, 2026

Gathering Song – "When You Arrive" by Annie Zylstra

Welcome

Prelude — "All You Fascists Bound To Lose" by Woody Guthrie – Violet Vonder Haar

Opening Words – by Kate Lore

***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.

Centering Moment – Jamila Batchelder

Stones of Joy and Sorrow

Singing the Children Out

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 #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.

Reading – "Declaration of Interdependence" by Richard Blanco

Musical Interlude – "Light of a Clear Blue Morning" by Dolly Parton – Violet Vonder Haar

Sermon – "Start in Your Own Backyard" by Molly Housh Gordon

***Hymn** – "We Shall Be Known" by MaMuse

We shall be known by the company we keep
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap
The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth
It is time now, it is time now that we thrive
It is time we lead ourselves into the well
It is time now, and what a time to be alive
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love
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Offertory – "So Beautiful" by MaMuse – Violet Vonder Haar

This morning's offering will be a Faith to Action Collection for Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture.

Give by text to 573-405-1202
Faith-to-Action: Enter amount, with or with a dollar sign, then a space, then the code ***f2a***
General collection: Enter amount, with or without a dollar sign
Pledge: Enter amount, then a space, then the word pledge
Or give online at https://uucomo.org/give/

***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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