UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION *of* COLUMBIA

Welcome

UUCC embodies ***love in action***. We:

- nurture spirits
- build community
- act for justice

FIRST TIME AT UUCC?

We're so glad you're here! Fill out our visitor form at **uucolumbia.net/visitor** so we can stay in touch.

NEED A HEARING ASSIST DEVICE?

Visit our tech team at the back of the sanctuary. Our wonderful tech volunteers will help you get set up.

HERE WITH CHILDREN?

Children are a vital part of our UUCC community, and children are invited to join us for worship. Their wiggles, sounds, and other contributions are welcome. Coloring packets & other age-appropriate materials are available on the cart in the sanctuary.

The **Time for All Ages** during the service is designed for children of all ages. Your child is invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to participate directly in the activity or story.

Most Sundays, children's programming is offered during the service for ages 4-12. If you would like your child to attend (and it's okay if you don't!), they will be dismissed from the service after Time for All Ages to go with staff & volunteers to their classes.

CENTERING THOUGHT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

We promise ourselves to the idea that we are each and all human beings. We promise that there is something moving between us that we cannot tame and cannot measure. The chalice is a reminder that what flame we keep inside us cannot light the way.

The light must spill to shine.

— Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto

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From Harm to Wholeness

Sunday, September 20, 2026

GATHERING MUSIC	On Holy Ground *Amy Carol Webb* Will the Circle Be Unbroken *The Staple Singers*	
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Jen Siegal (she/her) *Board member*
SOUNDING THE BELL		Rev. Lisa Bovee Kemper (she/her) *Interim Minister*
CALL TO WORSHIP		
CHALICE LIGHTING	The End is the Beginning *Katie Sivani Gelfand*	Betsy Osterman (she/her) *Worship Associate*
HYMN #131	Love Will Guide Us	
CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT		
TIME FOR ALL AGES		Kelli Danaker (she/her) *Director of Children and Family Ministries*
CHILDREN'S BENEDICTION	Reeb Children's Benediction *Ian Riddell*	Alex Dudkin (he/him) *Collaborative pianist*

Children ages 4 -12 may leave at this time *for children's programming downstairs in room 150.*
If your child is staying in the sanctuary: their wiggles, sounds, and other contributions ***are welcome!***
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OFFERING OF GIFTS & MUSIC	How Insensitive *Antônio Carlos Jobim*	Chalice Messengers

To contribute, text the word CHALICE to 73256 or visit uucolumbia.net/giving

READING	Spilling the Light *Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto*	
READING	*from* "On Repentance and Repair" *Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg*	
HYMN #352	Find a Stillness	
SERMON		Rev. Lisa Bovee Kemper
SHARING JOYS & SORROWS		Send yours to JoysAndSorrows@uucolumbia.net
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & REFLECTION	A Litany of Atonement *Robert Eller-Isaacs*	

RESPONSE: We forgive ourselves and each other; we begin again in love.

MUSIC MEDITATION	Improvisation *Alex Dudkin*	

During the music meditation, you are invited to come forward to the chancel table and honor your own joys and sorrows as you place pebbles in the communal bowl.

CLOSING HYMN #6	Just as Long as I Have Breath	
CLOSING WORDS		
POSTLUDE	Comin' Home, Baby *Ben Tucker*	Chalice Messengers: Jim Stivers, guitar Ken Koontz, bass Tom Monroe, saxophone

Please join us after service in Sanctuary B for Social Hour.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
uucolumbia.net/sunday-announcements

LATEST NEWS
https://uucolumbia.net/category/news/

next multi-platform worship service

Remembering Difficult Knowledge

Sunday, September 27 at 10 AM

The process of disremembering so-called "difficult knowledge"—history that makes some uncomfortable—started years ago and is now moving forward at breathtaking speed. As we observe the 200th anniversary of the Unitarian Universalist Association and are in our nation's 250th year, what do we need to remember as citizens and as Unitarian Universalists? Service to be led by the Rev. Dr. Fred Muir, Minister Emeritus, UU Church of Annapolis.

THE WEEK AHEAD

see more at **uucolumbia.net/calendar**

Sunday, September 20

10:00 am: Worship Service – sanctuary C and virtual
During Service: Children's Religious Education – downstairs room 150
During Service: Middle School Youth Group – teen room 180
After Service: Bookstore and Social Hour – sanctuary B
After Service: High School Youth Group – teen room 180
11:30 am: Reflection Group – Parents with Kids – room 116
11:30 am: Drop-In Discussion Circle – room 103
11:30 am: Auction Donor Info Session – music room 170

Monday, September 21

No events.

Tuesday, September 22

6:30 pm: Tuesday Night Meditation – virtual and chapel
6:30 pm: Endowment Board Monthly Meeting – virtual

Wednesday, September 23

7:00 pm: Book Group with Ed – virtual
7:00 pm: Tarot for the Wild Soul Book Group – virtual

Thursday, September 24

9:15 am: UUCC Bike Group Ride: Northern Central Railroad Trail
7:00 pm: Chalice Choir Rehearsal – music room 170

Friday, September 25

10:00 am: Community Event: Listen! Music Series with Tom Benjamin – virtual
10:00 am: Our Lives and Beyond: Writing Group – virtual
7:30 pm: Turning Circle – room 150

Saturday, September 26

11:00 am: Creativity Circle
7:00 pm: Chalice Messengers Concert – sanctuary A

Sunday, September 27

10:00 am: Worship Service – sanctuary C and virtual
During Service: Children's Religious Education – downstairs room 150
During Service: Middle School Youth Group – teen room 180
After Service: Engagement Fair – sanctuary B
After Service: High School Youth Group – teen room 180
11:30 am: Dao Forum – Interfaith Dialogue – room 213
12:30 pm: Mosaic Murmuration – downstairs room 150b