



Remembering Olympia Brown
Rev. Rachel Lonberg
August 9, 2026

Music for Gathering Julie Schneeberger & Rick Johnson
'Within a Mile of Edinburgh' & 'Lass, Gin Ye Lo'e Me'
Words of Welcome Sharon Sauter
Opening Song 'Spirit of Life' (#123)
Chalice Lighting Sharon Sauter
Words: 'For Our Ancestors, For our Children, For Ourselves' by
Jennifer "Jaye" Brooks
Joys and Sorrows Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Silent Meditation
Offering Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Offertory 'The Ash Grove' (trad. Welsh tune)
Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us:
*For the countless gifts we each have been given, gifts of life
and love and sustenance, we bring these small portions, to
share in the works of love which none of us can accomplish
alone.*
Readings 'Lineage of Magic' by Atena O. Danner
from 'The Higher Education of Women'
by Olympia Brown, 1874
from 'The Opening Doors' by Olympia Brown, 1920

Song 'Filled with Loving Kindness' (#1031)
Reflection 'Remembering Olympia Brown' Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Questions for Sharing and Listening

*Who are the elders and good ancestors that made your life
possible? Who has smoothed the path that you travel now?*

*Rev. Rachel loves to preach and teach about Unitarian,
Universalist, and Unitarian Universalist histories. She thinks it's
important, but you don't have to agree with her. Does knowing the
histories of our tradition matter to you? Does it shape your faith
today? How? Why? Why not?*

Guidelines for discussion: Please speak the truth as you
understand it; please do not comment on others'
comments until everyone has had a chance to do initial
sharing.

Closing song 'There is More Love Somewhere' (#95)
Closing words from 'The Opening Doors' by Olympia Brown, 1920
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People joining us via Zoom are invited to stay for small group
conversation.

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