

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister
Founders' Day Sunday
January 28, 2024

Welcome

Prelude – “Courage” by Sandra Howard – UUCC Choir – Directed by Violet Vonder Haar & Accompanied by Neil Minturn

Opening Words – by Amanda Poppei

Unison Response: *This is the home that love made.*

Chalice Lighting & Words of Affirmation

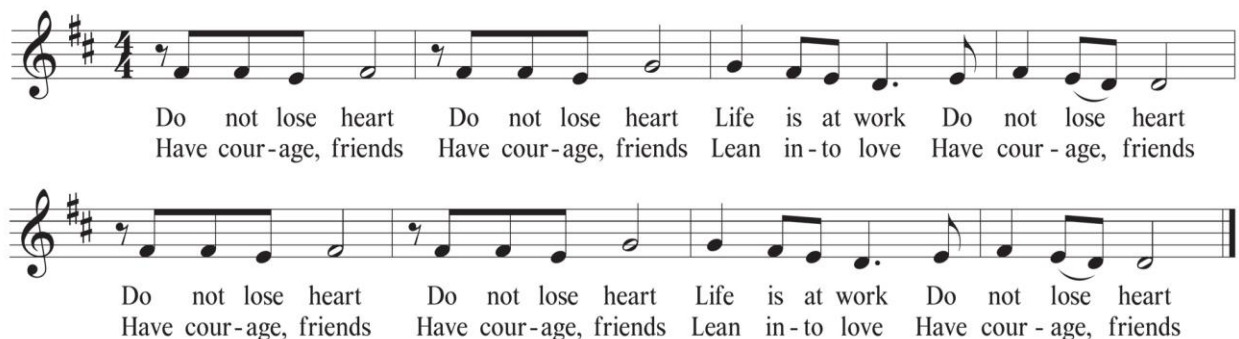
*Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law;
this is our great covenant:
to dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.*

Centering Moment – Jamila Batchelder, DRE

***Centering Song** – “Do Not Lose Heart”

Do Not Lose Heart
2 Corinthians 4

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan



Do not lose heart Do not lose heart Life is at work Do not lose heart
Have cour-age, friends Have cour-age, friends Lean in-to love Have cour-age, friends

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*Do not lose heart, do not lose heart
Life is at work, do not lose heart*

*Have courage friends, have courage friends
Lean into love, have courage friends*

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 #347 – “Gather the Spirit”**

*Gather the spirit, harvest the power.
Our sep'rate fires will kindle one flame.
Witness the mystery of this hour.
Our trials in this light appear all the same.*

*Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.*

*Gather the spirit of heart and mind.
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined,
with body and spirit united once more.*

*Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.*

*Gather the spirit growing in all,
drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,
the chorus of life resounding as one.*

*Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.*

Reading – “Planting Trees” by Wendell Berry

Homily – “Tending the Future With Open Hands” – Rev. Molly Housh Gordon

Anthem – “You Are Light” by Mark Burrows – UUCC Choir – Directed by Violet Vonder Haar & Accompanied by Neil Minturn

Reflection – by Kevin McKiernan

Introducing the Water Bearer’s Society – Rosie Geiser

***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.*

New Member Ceremony – See Insert

Offertory – “United in Purpose” words by Maya Angelou, music by Rollo Dilworth – UUCC Choir – Directed by Violet Vonder Haar & Accompanied by Neil Minturn

This morning’s offering will be for Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty.

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 securely online at uucomo.org/give

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.

Is there a way we can make our worship service or community more accessible to you? Let us know. Email the minister at minister@uucomo.org or call 442-5764.

Church Staff: Rev. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister; April Rodeghero, Church Administrator; Jamila Batchelder, Director of Religious Education; Violet Vonder Haar, Director of Music Ministry; Phylshawn Johnson, Sound Technician

New Member Ingathering Covenant

CONGREGATION: We, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia, welcome you into the membership of this community of faith. We are grateful for your commitment to our life together.

We renew our covenant with each other:
to seek meaning and truth in love,
to respond to the calling of justice,
and to be strengthened by our life together.

We now extend this covenant to you. Welcome.

NEW MEMBERS: I freely enter into membership in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia, accepting all of the rights and responsibilities therein.

As I am able, I promise to bring my whole self to this congregation and to give and receive in the spirit of gratitude and hope.

I join in this community's covenant:
to seek meaning and truth in love,
to respond to the calling of justice,
and to be strengthened by our life together.

ALL TOGETHER: Having affirmed one another and renewed our covenant, we now dedicate ourselves once more to our faith of courageous love and our community of radical welcome and deep connection.