

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister
Earth Day Service
Rev. Molly Housh Gordon, Jamila Batchelder, DRE, & Pack Matthews
April 21, 2024

Welcome

Prelude – “I Fly” – written and performed by Lila Ordway

Opening Words

***Opening Hymn #175** – “We Celebrate the Web of Life”

*We celebrate the web of life, its magnitude we sing;
for we can see divinity in every living thing.*

*A fragment of the perfect whole in cactus and in quail,
as much in tiny barnacle as in the great blue whale.*

*Of ancient dreams we are the sum; our bones link stone to star,
and bind our future worlds to come with worlds that were and are.*

*Respect the water, land, and air which gave all creatures birth;
protect the lives of all that share the glory of the earth.*

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 – An Elegy for Extinct Species – Coming of Age Youth

Stones of Joy & Sorrow

Joys & Sorrows Prayer

Hymn #163 – “For the Earth, Forever Turning”

*For the earth forever turning; for the skies, for ev'ry sea;
for our lives, for all we cherish, sing we our joyful song of peace.*

*For the mountains, hills, and pastures in their silent majesty;
for the stars, for all the heavens, sing we our joyful song of peace.*

*For the sun, for rain and thunder, for the seasons' harmony,
for our lives, for all creation, sing we our joyful praise to Thee.*

*For the world we raise our voices, for the home that gives us birth;
in our joy we sing returning home to our bluegreen hills of earth.*

Reflection – by Jamila Batchelder

Anthem – “The Lost Words Blessing” – by Julie Fowlis, Karine Polwart, Seckou Keita, Kris Drever, Rachel Newton, Beth Porter, Jim Molyneux, Kerry Andrew – UUCC Choir

Rededication – To All We Can Save

***Hymn** – “The Tide is Rising”

The tide is rising and so are we!
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This is where we are called to be!
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The task is mighty and so are we...
The land is holy and so are we...
The storm is raging and so are we...

The sun is shining and so are we...
The world is ready and so are we...
The tide is rising and so are we...

Offertory – “The World is Turning” by Maggie Wheeler – UUCC Choir

This morning’s offering will be a Faith to Action collection for Missouri River Relief.

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

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Closing Words

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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