

**UU Church of Columbia, MO**  
Rev. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister  
**“A Just Transition”**  
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**April 28, 2024**

**Welcome**

**Prelude** – Pack Matthews, piano

**Opening Words**

**\*Opening Hymn #100** – “Peace Like a River”

*I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (2x)*

*I've got joy like a fountain...*

*I've got love like an ocean...*

*I've got pain like an arrow...*

*I've got tears like the raindrops ...*

*I've got strength like a mountain ...*

**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

## **Stones of Joy & Sorrow**

### **Joys & Sorrows Prayer**

**Hymn** – “Singing with You Is My Prayer”

*Singing*

*Singing with you*

*Singing with you is my prayer.*

*Laughing...*

*Crying...*

*Hoping...*

*Singing...*

**Reading** – from *Octavia’s Brood: Science Fiction Stories from Social Justice Movements*  
by Walida Imarisha, co-editor

**Interlude** – Pack Matthews, piano

**Sermon** – “Riding the Wind” by Molly Housh Gordon

**\*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.*

**Offertory** – Pack Matthews, piano

*This morning's offering will be for the work of the congregation.*

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*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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