

**UU Church of Columbia, MO**  
**“A Beautiful Perhaps”**  
**Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon**  
**Sunday, August 4, 2024**

**Welcome**

**Prelude** – “A Remark You Made” by Joseph Zawinal – Pack Matthews, piano

**Opening Words** – “Sometimes” by David Whyte

**Opening Hymn #389** – “Gathered Here”

*Gathered here in the mystery of the hour.  
Gathered here in one strong body.  
Gathered here in the struggle and the power.  
Spirit, draw near.*

**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** – Molly Housh Gordon

**Stones of Joy & Sorrow**

**Children Are Invited to Their Classes**

*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** – “Singing With You Is My Prayer”

*Singing, singing with you, singing with you is my prayer.*

*Laughing...*

*Crying...*

*Being...*

*Wond'ring...*

*Singing...*

**Reading** – from “Pull the Questions Down: A Process Theology of Not-Knowing” by Molly Housh Gordon

**Interlude** – Pack Matthews, piano

**Sermon** – excerpts from *A Beautiful Perhaps* by Molly Housh Gordon

**Hymn #95** – “There Is More Love Somewhere”

*There is more love somewhere.*

*There is more love somewhere.*

*I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.*

*There is more love somewhere.*

*There is more hope somewhere...*

*There is more peace somewhere..*

*There is more joy somewhere...*

**Offertory** – “Infant Eyes” by Wayne Shorter – Pack Matthews, piano

***This morning's offering will be a Faith-to-Action collection for No More Deaths.***

**Give by text to 573-405-1202**

*Faith-to-Action: Enter amount, with or without 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 online at <https://uucomo.org/give/>**

## **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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