

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister
“How to Have An Enemy”
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon
October 20, 2024

Welcome

Prelude — “Oh Be Swift To Love” by Nancy Grundahl – UUCC Choir

Opening Words

***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 Moment

Stones of Joy and Sorrow

Singing the Children Out

*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 #368 – “Now Let Us Sing”

Now let us sing, sing, sing *Sing to the power of the faith within.*
Now let us sing, sing, sing *Sing to the power of the faith within.*
Lift up your voice, be not afraid; *Lift up your voice, be not afraid;*
sing to the power of the faith within. *sing to the power of the faith within.*

Sing to the power of the hope within ...
Sing to the power of the love within. ...
Sing to the power of the joy within. ...

Reading – “How Fascism Will Come” by Terry Ehret

Anthem – “I Believe That One Fine Day” by Alison Burns – UUCC Choir

Sermon – “How To Have An Enemy”

*Hymn #108 – “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

My life flows on in endless song above earth’s lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!

What though the tempest ‘round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness ‘round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I’m clinging.
Since love prevails in heav’n and earth, how can I keep from singing!

When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!
To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!

Offertory – “Love Looks Like” by Lea Morris – UUCC Choir

This morning's offering will be a Faith to Action collection for our Sanctuary & Immigrant Justice Team.

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Faith-to-Action: Enter amount, with or without a dollar sign, then a space, then the code f2a
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Pledge: Enter amount, then a space, then the word pledge

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***Closing Words – Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon**

***Sung 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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