

**UU Church of Columbia, MO**  
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister  
**“Loving What is Mortal”**  
January 12, 2025

**Welcome**

**Prelude — UUCC Band**

**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 – Jamila Batchelder**

**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 #86** – “Blessed Spirit of My Life”

*Blessed Spirit of my life, give me strength through stress and strife;  
help me live with dignity; let me know serenity.*

*Fill me with a vision, clear my mind of fear and confusion.  
When my thoughts flow restlessly, let peace find a home in me.*

*Spirit of great mystery, hear the still, small voice in me.  
Help me live my wordless creed as I comfort those in need.  
Fill me with compassion, be the source of my intuition.  
Then, when life is done for me, let love be my legacy.*

**Reading** – “In Blackwater Wood” by Mary Oliver

**Musical Interlude** – “The Eye” by Brandi Carlile – performed by the UUCB Band,  
Megan Gore, soloist

**Sermon** – “Loving What is Mortal” by Molly Housh Gordon

**\*Hymn #346** – “Come Sing a Song With Me”

*Come, sing a song with me,  
come, sing a song with me,  
come, sing a song with me,  
that I might know your mind.*

*And I'll bring you hope  
when hope is hard to find,  
and I'll bring a song of love  
and a rose in the wintertime.*

*Come, dream a dream with me...*

*Come, walk in rain with me...*

*Come, share a rose with me...*

**Offertory – UUCC Band**

*This morning's offering will be a Faith to Action collection for the Boone County Community Bail Fund.*

**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 online at <https://uucomo.org/give/>**

**Closing Words**

**\*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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