

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister
“Care Conversations - Disability Justice”
February 2, 2025

Welcome

Prelude — Violet Vonder Haar

Opening Words

***Hymn #188** - “Come, Come, Whoever You Are”

*Come, come, whoever you are,
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
Ours is no caravan of despair.
Come, yet again come.*

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 #1008** – “When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place”

*When our heart is in a holy place,
When our heart is in a holy place,
We are bless'd with love and amazing grace,
When our heart is in a holy place.*

*When we trust the wisdom in each of us,
Ev'ry color ev'ry creed and kind,
And we see our faces in each other's eyes,
Then our heart is in a holy place.*

*When our heart is in a holy place,
When our heart is in a holy place,
We are bless'd with love and amazing grace,
When our heart is in a holy place.*

*When we tell our story from deep inside,
And we listen with a loving mind,
And we hear our voices in each other's words,
Then our heart is in a holy place.*

*When our heart is in a holy place,
When our heart is in a holy place,
We are bless'd with love and amazing grace,
When our heart is in a holy place.*

*When we share the silence of sacred space,
And the God of our Heart stirs within,
And we feel the power of each other's faith,
Then our heart is in a holy place.*

*When our heart is in a holy place,
When our heart is in a holy place,
We are bless'd with love and amazing grace,
When our heart is in a holy place.*

Reading – “On Disability” by anna k. blaedel

Musical Interlude – Violet Vonder Haar

Pulpit Conversation – “Disability Justice” with Gretchen Maune & Molly Housh Gordon

***Hymn #1021** – “Lean On Me”

*Sometimes in our lives
we all have pain,
we all have sorrow.
But if we are wise
we know that there's
always tomorrow.:*

*Lean on me when you're not strong
and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on,
For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need
somebody to lean on.*

*Please swallow your pride
if I have things
you need to borrow,
For no one can fill
those of your needs
that you won't let show.*

*Just call on me brother when you need a hand.
We all need somebody to lean on.
I just might have a problem that you'd understand.
We all need somebody to lean on.*

*Lean on me when you're not strong
and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on,
For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need
somebody to lean on.*

*Just call on me brother when you need a hand.
We all need somebody to lean on.
I just might have a problem that you'd understand.
We all need somebody to lean on.*

*If there is a load
you have to bear
that you can't carry,
I'm right up the road,
I'll share your load
if you just call me.
Call me... call me...*

Offertory – Violet Vonder Haar

This morning's offering will be for the Minority Men's Network Educational Fund.

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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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