

## UU Church of Columbia, MO

Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister

### “Extravagant Worth”

February 9, 2025

#### Welcome

**Prelude** — “We Shall Be Known” by Mamuse – UUCC Choir, directed by Violet Vonder Haar, accompanied by Neil Minturn

**Opening Words** – by Rosemary Wahtola Trommer

**\*Hymn #131** – “Love Will Guide Us”

*Love will guide us, peace has tried us,  
hope inside us will lead the way  
on the road from greed to giving.  
Love will guide us through the hard night.*

*If you cannot sing like angels,  
if you cannot speak before thousands,  
you can give from deep within you.  
You can change the world with your love.*

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hope inside us will lead the way  
on the road from greed to giving.  
Love will guide us through the hard night.*

#### 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** – “Arms of Love” by Alexa Sunshine Rose

*Come now child, lay it down.  
Just breathe, just be.  
Come be cradled in the arms of love.  
Just breathe, just be.*

**Reading** – “Hum” by Mary Oliver

**Musical Interlude** – “Answering the Call of Love” by Jason Shelton – UUCS Choir,  
directed by Violet Vonder Haar, accompanied by Neil Minturn

**Sermon** – “Extravagant Worth” by Molly Housh Gordon

**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. ...*

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**Offertory** – “We Are the Ones” by Barbara Swetina – UUCC Choir, directed by Violet Vonder Haar, accompanied by Neil Minturn

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

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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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