

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister
“Collective Liberation Begins at Home”
February 23, 2025

Gathering Song – “When You Arrive” by Anni Zylstra

*When you arrive
We all arrive
So come on in
Let’s begin*

*This place awaits
The love you bring
So welcome home
And let us sing*

Welcome

Prelude – Pack Matthews, piano and Sam Buffaloe, percussion

Opening Words

***Hymn #100** – “Peace Like a River”

*I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul. (2x)
I’ve got joy like a fountain...
I’ve got love like an ocean...
I’ve got pain like an arrow...
I’ve got tears like the raindrops ...
I’ve got strength like a mountain...*

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 #123 – “Spirit of Life”**

*Spirit of life, come unto me
Sing in my heart, all the stirrings of compassion
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice
Roots hold me close, wings set me free
Spirit of life, come to me, come to me*

Reading – “optimism and practice” by adrienne maree brown

Musical Interlude – Pack Matthews, piano

Sermon – “Collective Liberation Begins at Home” by Molly Housh Gordon

Hymn – “Becoming” by Mary Grigolia

*I am who I'm becoming; I am all I have done.
I am what I am dreaming; I've only just begun.*

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I am what I am dreaming; I've only just begun.*

You are...

We are...

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Offertory – Pack Matthews, piano & Sam Buffaloe, percussion

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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