

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister
“The Earth’s Own Beloved”
April 6, 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 – Violet Vonder Haar

Opening Words

***Hymn #1009** – “Meditation on Breathing”

*When I breathe in,
I’ll breathe in peace.
When I breathe out,
I’ll breathe out love.*

*Breathe in, Breathe out,
Breathe in, Breathe out*

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 #21 – “For The Beauty of The Earth”

*For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human care, sister, brother, parent, child,
for the kinship we all share, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

Reading – “What Can I Say?” by Mary Oliver

Song – Violet Vonder Haar

Sermon – “The Earth’s Own Beloved” – Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

***Hymn #163** – “For the Earth Forever Turning”

*For the earth forever turning; for the skies, for ev’ry sea;
for our lives, for all we cherish, sing we our joyful song of peace.*

*For the mountains, hills, and pastures in their silent majesty;
for the stars, for all the heavens, sing we our joyful song of peace.*

*For the sun, for rain and thunder, for the seasons’ harmony,
for our lives, for all creation, sing we our joyful praise to Thee.*

*For the world we raise our voices, for the home that gives us birth;
in our joy we sing returning home to our bluegreen hills of earth.*

Offertory – Violet Vonder Haar

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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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