UU Church of Columbia, MO Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister Earth Day Sunday "A Wild Love for the World" April 27, 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 – "Love is A Wild Thing" by Kasey Musgraves – performed by Tori Joy

Opening Words

*Hymn – "In Your Bones" by Olivia Fern

May you know in your bones that this earth is your home. May you feel in your soul you are worthy and whole. May you know in your bones that this earth is your home. May you feel that you belong.

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.

Creation – "Floating" by Tori Joy

Stones of Joy and Sorrow

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.

Destruction

Recreation

Hymn #1017 – "Building A New Way"

We are building a new way. We are building a new way. We are building a new way, feeling stronger ev'ry day, We are building a new way. We are working to be free. We are working to be free. We are working to be free, hate and greed and jealousy. We are working to be free.

We can feed our every need. We can feed our ev'ry need. We can feed our ev'ry need, Start with love, that is the seed. We can feed our every need.

Peace and freedom is our cry. Peace and freedom is our cry. Peace and freedom is our cry, Without these this world will die. Peace and freedom is our cry.

Offertory – "Be Free" by Tori Joy

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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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