

**UU Church of Columbia, MO**  
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister  
“Flying Through Space on a Rock”  
Steve Scott  
July 20, 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** – “A Time to Dream” by Samuel Otten

**Opening Words** – From “Philosophy of Culture” by Albert Schweitzer

**\*Opening Hymn #159 – “This Is My Song”**

*This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

## **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**

## **Stones of Joy and Sorrow**

## **Singing Our Children to Class**

*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 #203 – “All Creatures of the Earth and Sky”**

*All creatures of the earth and sky,  
come, kindred, lift your voices high,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beam,  
soft shining moon with silver gleam:*

*(Chorus)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Swift rushing wind so wild and strong,  
white clouds that sail in heav’n along,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Fair rising morn in praise rejoice,  
high stars of evening find a voice:*

*(Chorus)*

*Cool flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for all life to hear,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Dance, flame of fire, so strong and bright,  
and bless us with your warmth and light:*

*(Chorus)*

*Embracing earth, you, day by day,  
bring forth your blessings on our way,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
All herbs and fruits that richly grow,  
let them the glory also show:*

*(Chorus)*

*All you of understanding heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Let all things now the Holy bless,  
and worship God in humbleness:*

*(Chorus)*

**Reading** – From “My Address to the People” by Albert Schweitzer

**Musical Interlude** – “Kaleidoscope” by Samuel Otten, based on a story by Ray Bradbury

**Reflections** – “Flying Through Space on a Rock” – Steve Scott

**Hymn #1064** – “Blue Boat Home”

*Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains.  
Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say:  
I’ve been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.*

*Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea,  
leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep.  
Drifting here with my ship’s companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls,  
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.*

*I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds urging me on,  
greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor's song:  
I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.*

**Offertory** – “Third Movement” from Sonata No. 1 by Samuel Otten

***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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