

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister

“Faith in Resistance”
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon
Sunday, July 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 – Pack Matthews

Opening Words

***Hymn #389** – “Gathered Here”

*Gathered here in the mystery of the hour.
Gathered here in one strong body.
Gathered here in the struggle and the power.
Spirit, draw near.*

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 108 – “How Can I Keep From Singing”**

*My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!*

*What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!*

*When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!
To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!*

Reading – “In The Midst of a World” by Rebecca Parker

Musical Interlude – Pack Matthews

Sermon – “Faith in Resistance” by Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

***Hymn #121 – “We’ll Build a Land”**

*We’ll build a land where we bind up the broken.
We’ll build a land where the captives go free,
where the oil of gladness dissolves all mourning.
Oh, we’ll build a promised land that can be.*

*Come build a land where siblings in spirit,
anointed by God, may then create peace:
where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever flowing stream.*

*We’ll build a land where we bring the good tidings
to all the afflicted and all those who mourn.
And we’ll give them garlands instead of ashes.
Oh, we’ll build a land where peace is born.*

*Come build a land where siblings in spirit,
anointed by God, may then create peace:
where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever flowing stream.*

*We’ll be a land building up ancient cities,
raising up devastations from old;
restoring ruins of generations.
Oh, we’ll build a land of people so bold.*

*Come build a land where siblings in spirit,
anointed by God, may then create peace:
where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever flowing stream.*

*Come, build a land where the mantles of praises
resound from spirits once faint and once weak;
where like oaks of righteousness stand her people.
Oh, come build the land, my people we seek.*

*Come build a land where siblings in spirit,
anointed by God, may then create peace:
where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever flowing stream.*

Offertory – Pack Matthews

This morning's offering will be a Faith-to-Action Collection for MICA, the Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project.

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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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