

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister
“Owing, Holding, and Hoping”
Anna McAnnally, Lay Leader
August 3, 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 – Julián Jamaica Soto

***Hymn #155** – “Circle ‘Round for Freedom”

*Circle ‘round for freedom, circle ‘round for peace,
for all of us imprisoned, circle for release,
circle for the planet, circle for each soul,
for the children of our children, keep the circle whole.*

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 #1031 (Teal Hymnal) – “Filled with Loving Kindness”

*May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.
May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.
May I be peaceful and at ease.
May I be whole.
May you be filled ...
May we be filled ...*

Reading 1 – “Be Holding: A Poem” by Ross Gay

Reading 2 — “Hope is the Thing with Feathers” by Emily Dickinson

Song – Violet Vonder Haar

Sermon – “Owing, Holding, and Hoping” Anna McAnnally, Lay Leader

***Hymn # 318 – “We Would Be One”**

*We would be one as now we join in singing
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew
to that high cause of greater understanding
of who we are, and what in us is true.
We would be one in living for each other
to show to all a new community.*

*We would be one in building for tomorrow
a nobler world than we have known today.
We would be one in searching for that meaning
which bends our hearts and points us on our way.
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,
with love and justice, strive to make us free.*

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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