

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

“The Night of the 37 Campfires”

Kim Wade

August 17, 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 sin

Welcome

Prelude - UUCB Band

Opening Words - “Listen” by Jessica Purple Rodela

***Hymn** – Gray Hymnal #362, “Rise Up, O Flame”

*Rise up, O flame,
by thy light glowing,
show to us beauty,
vision, and joy.*

Chalice Lighting & Words of Affirmation

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 – Gray Hymnal #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 – an excerpt from “Citational Gestures of Love,” an epic citational poem by Laura Sackton

Interlude – “We Shall Be Known,” by MaMuse, sung by Chelsea Otten and Molly Housh Gordon

Sermon - “The Night of 37 Campfires”

***Hymn** – Teel Hymnal #1020, “Woyaya”

*We are going,
heaven knows where we are going,
but we know within.*

*And we will get there,
heaven knows how we will get there,
but we know we will.*

*It will be hard, we know,
and the road will be muddy and rough,
but we’ll get there,
heaven knows how we will get there,
but we know we will.*

*Woyaya, Woyaya,
Woyaya, Woyaya,*

Offertory – “People Have the Power” by Patti Smith– performed by the UUCC Band

Closing Words

This morning’s offering will be for the work of the congregation.

Give by text to 573-405-1202

General collection: Enter amount, with or without a dollar sign

Pledge: Enter amount, then a space, then the word pledge

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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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