

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

“Survival Is a Garden”  
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon  
Sunday, September 7, 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** – “Apocalypse” by Britta Gudmunson – performed by Violet Vonder Haar & Friends

**Opening Words**

**\*Opening Hymn** – “Survival Is” by Violet Vonder Haar

*Survival is. Survival is.  
Not a fortress. But a garden.*

**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 – “Arms of Love” by Alexa Sunshine Rose**

*Come now child, lay it down.  
Just breathe, just be.  
Come be cradled in the arms of love.  
Just breathe, just be.*

### **Reading – “When It Really is Just the Wind, and Not a Furious Vexation” by Kyle Tran Myhre**

### **Musical Interlude – “Wisdom in Collapse” by Ahlay Blake – performed by Violet Vonder Haar & Friends**

### **Sermon – “Survival Is a Garden” by Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon**

### **\*Hymn – “Sing Upon Joy”**

*Sing upon joy.  
Sing upon grief.  
Sing upon the light  
of a new budding leaf.*

### **Offertory – “Apocalypse Song” by MaMuse – performed by Violet Vonder Haar**

*This morning's offering is a Faith-to-Action Collection for the Lajee Center.*

**Give by text to 573-405-1202**

*Faith-to-Action: Enter amount, with or with a dollar sign, then a space, then the code **f2a***

*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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