

**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Columbia, MO**

“Make of It A Symphony”

Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

October 19, 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 – “Wonderful (The Way I Feel)” by My Morning Jacket arr. Lucius – performed
by Amy Scruggs & Violet Vonder Haar

Opening Words

***Hymn** – “In These Hard Times” by Linda Hirschhorn

In these hard times, there will always be singing

Always be singing in these hard times

In these hard times, there will always be singing

Always be singing in these hard times

Always be dancing...

Always be laughing...

Always be weeping...

Always be singing...

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 #34 – “Though I May Speak With Bravest Fire”

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain as sounding brass and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*

Readings

Musical Interlude – “Night Flyer” by Allison Russell – performed by Amie Scruggs & Violet Vonder Haar

Sermon – “Make of it a Symphony” by Molly Housh Gordon

***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.*

Offertory – “No Place Like Home” written and performed by Amie Scruggs

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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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