

**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Columbia, MO**

“What Our Ancestors Survived”

Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

November 9, 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 — “Poetic Words” written and performed by Sam Snively-Schick

Opening Words

***Hymn #1051** – “We Are”

For each child that’s born,

a morning star rises and

sings to the universe

who we are.

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*We are our grandmothers' prayers
and we are our grandfathers' dreamings,
we are the breath of our ancestors,
we are the spirit of God.*

*We are mothers of courage and fathers of time,
we are daughters of dust and the sons of great visions,
we're sisters of mercy and brothers of love,
we are lovers of life and the builders of nations,
we're seekers of truth and keepers of faith,
we are makers of peace and the wisdom of ages.*

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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*

New Member Ingathering

Joys & Sorrows Prayer

Hymn – “Ancestral Wisdom” by Violet Vonder Haar

PART ONE

*Slow down and listen x3
To the lineage of wisdom
in the silence*

PART TWO

*Ask and pray and then receive
take a moment stop and breathe
and listen to that voice within
give it back begin again
ask and pray then receive
take a moment stop and breathe
and listen x3*

PART THREE

Slow it down x5

Reading – excerpt from *The Woman Warrior* by Maxine Hong Kingston

Interlude – “Sacred Prayer” – written and performed by Sam Snively-Schick

Sermon – “What Our Ancestors Survived” – by Molly Housh Gordon

Hymn #1040 – “Hush” verses 1-3

*Hush, hush, somebody’s callin’ my name.
Hush, hush, somebody’s callin’ my name.
Hush, hush, somebody’s callin’ my name.
Oh my Lord, oh my Lord, what shall I do?*

Sounds like freedom, somebody’s callin’ my name...

Sounds like justice, somebody’s callin’ my name...

Offertory – “I’m Gonna Follow” written and performed by Sam Snively-Schick

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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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