

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister
Harvest Sunday
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November 23, 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 – "Pastures of Plenty" by Woody Guthrie, performed by the UUCC Band

Opening Words – by Rev. Richard Fewkes

Unison Response: *We lift our hearts in thanks.*

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.*

***Hymn #21 – “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

*For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human care, sibling, cousin, parent, child,
for the kinship we all share, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

Setting the Table – Jamila Batchelder, DRE

Stones of Joy & Sorrow

Joys & Sorrows Prayer

Sung Response – “Singing With You”

*Singing, singing with you, singing with you is my prayer.
Laughing...Crying...Feasting...Singing...*

Sharing the Feast – those gathered

Musical Interlude – "The Harvest Groove" by the UUCC Band

Reading – “Foreword” by Ross Gay from *How to Love the World: Poems of Gratitude and Hope* ed. James Crews

Exchanging Blessings – those gathered

Hymn – “Call Down A Blessing”

*Call down a blessing, call down a blessing,
call down a blessing, call down.*

*Joy before us, joy behind us, joy within us and around us.
Call down a blessing, call down a blessing,
call down a blessing, call down.*

Love before us...

Peace before us...

Offertory – "Autumn Leaves" by Joseph Kosma and Johnny Mercer, performed by the UUCC Band

This morning's offering is for the work of the congregation.

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Closing Words – Rev. Molly Housh Gordon

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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