

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister
“Gleanings From Our Past: Returning to What Has Always Saved Us”
Monica Clark-Robinson, Intern Minister
November 30, 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 — “Simple Gifts” trad. – performed by the UU Ukes, Michelle Seat and Jeanne Murphy

Opening Words –Monica Clark-Robinson

***Opening Hymn #108** My Life Flows On In Endless Song

*My life flows on in endless song above earth’s lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!*

*What though the tempest ‘round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness ‘round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I’m clinging.
Since love prevails in heav’n and earth, how can I keep from singing!*

*When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!
To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from 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 #1001 – “Breaths”

Refrain:

*Listen more often to things than to beings,
listen more often to things than to beings,
'tis the Ancestor's breath when the fire's voice is heard,
'tis the Ancestor's breath in the voice of the waters.
Zah Whsshh Aahh Whsshh*

*Those who have died have never, never left.
The dead are not under the earth.
They are in the rustling trees,
they are in the groaning woods,
they are in the crying grass,
they are in the moaning rocks.
The dead are not under the earth.*

Refrain

*Those who have died have never, never left.
The dead have a pact with the living.
They are in the woman's breast,
they are in the wailing child,
they are with us in our homes,
they are with us in this crowd.
The dead have a pact with the living.*

Refrain

Reading – “Remember” by Joy Harjo

Musical Interlude – “Landslide” by Fleetwood Mac – performed by the UU Ukes, Michelle Seat and Jeanne Murphy

Sermon – “Gleanings from Our Past: Returning to What Has Always Saved Us” – Monica Clark-Robinson, Intern Minister

Hymn – “Carry This All” by Alexandra Blakely

*You do not carry this all alone.
No, you do not carry this all alone.
This is way to big for you to carry this on your own,
So you do not carry this all alone.*

Offertory – “Teach Your Children Well” by Graham Nash – performed by the UU Ukes, Michelle Seat and Jeanne Murphy

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

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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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