

**Unitarian Universalist Church  
of Columbia, MO**  
“The Coming of the Light”  
Rabbi Jeanne Snodgrass, Guest Preacher  
December 14, 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** — Violet Vonder Haar

**Opening Words**

**\*Hymn #347** – “Gather the Spirit”

*Gather the spirit, harvest the power.  
Our sep'rate fires will kindle one flame.  
Witness the mystery of this hour.  
Our trials in this light appear all the same.*

*(Chorus)*  
*Gather in peace, gather in thanks.  
Gather in sympathy now and then.  
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.  
Gather to celebrate once again.*

*Gather the spirit of heart and mind.  
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.  
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined,  
with body and spirit united once more.*

*(Chorus)*

*Gather the spirit growing in all,  
drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.  
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,  
the chorus of life resounding as one.*

*(Chorus)*

### **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** – “Sending You Light” by Melanie DeMore

*I am sending you light  
To heal you, to hold you  
I am sending you light  
To hold you in love.*

**Reading** – “Kislev – the Coming of the Light” by Blaze Ardman

**Hymn # 362** – “Rise Up, O Flame”

*Rise up, O flame,  
by thy light glowing,  
show to us beauty,  
vision, and joy.*

**Sermon** – Jeanne Snodgrass

**Interlude** – Violet Vonder Haar

**Offertory** – Violet Vonder Haar

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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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