

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister
“The Shape of Belovedness”
Monica Clark-Robinson, Intern Minister
January 11, 2026

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 — “If I Were a Fish” by Corook, performed by Beatrice Robinson

Opening Words —Monica Clark-Robinson

***Opening Hymn #346** Come, Sing A Song With Me

*Come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
that I might know your mind.*

(Chorus)
*And I'll bring you hope
when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love
and a rose in the wintertime.*

*Come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
that I might know your mind.*

(Chorus)

*Come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
that I might know your mind.*

(Chorus)

*Come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
that I might know your mind.*

(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 #1053 How Could Anyone

*How could anyone ever tell you
you were anything less than beautiful?
How could anyone ever tell you
you were less than whole?
How could anyone fail to notice
that your loving is a miracle?
How deeply you're connected to my soul.*

Reading – “What We Don’t Talk About When We Talk About Fat” by Aubrey Gordon

Musical Interlude – “I Am What I Am” by Jerry Herman, performed by Greta Robinson and Beatrice Robinson

Sermon – “The Shape of Belovedness,” Monica Clark-Robinson, intern minister

Hymn -”I Am Free in My Body” by Shireen Amini

PART 1

I am free in my body, I am free in my body
I am free in my body, nothing can take that away from me

PART 2

Nothing but free, nothing but free
Nothing but free, nothing can take that away from me

PART 3

Du-nuh-nuh-nuh-nuh, du-nuh-nuh-nuh-nuh
Du-nuh-nuh-nuh-nuh, du-nuh-nuh-nuh-nuh
Du-nuh-nuh-nuh-nuh, du-nuh-nuh-nuh-nuh
Nothing can take that away from me

Offertory – “I Am Light” by India.Arie, performed by Beatrice Robinson

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

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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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