

**UU Church of Columbia, MO**  
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister

***75 Years of UUCC – Founders’ Day Sunday***  
**January 25, 2026**

**Welcome**

**Prelude** – “How High The Moon” by Morgan Lewis – performed by Alan Arnold & The Secular Humanists – Alan Arnold, sax, Neil Minturn, piano, & Fred Young, trumpet

**Opening Words** – by Amanda Poppei

Unison Response: *This is the home that love made.*

**\*Hymn #318** – “We Would Be One”

*We would be one as now we join in singing  
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew  
to that high cause of greater understanding  
of who we are, and what in us is true.  
We would be one in living for each other  
to show to all a new community.*

*We would be one in building for tomorrow  
a nobler world than we have known today.  
We would be one in searching for that meaning  
which bends our hearts and points us on our way.  
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,  
with love and justice, strive to make us free.*

**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** – with words from Carl Scovel

**Stones of Joy & Sorrow**

**Singing the 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**

**Interlude** – “It’s Only A Paper Moon” Harold Arlen – performed by Alan Arnold & The Humanists

**Celebrating the Past** – Rosie Anderson Harper, Joan & Steve Mudrick, Lisa Fritsche, Pack Matthews, Heidi Shearer

**Hymn #113** – “Where Is Our Holy Church?”

*Where is our holy church?  
Where race and class unite  
as equal persons in the search  
for beauty, truth, and right.*

*Where is our holy writ?  
Where’er a human heart  
a sacred torch of truth has lit,  
by inspiration taught.*

*Where is our holy One?  
A mighty host respond;  
the people rise in every land  
to break the captive’s bond.*

*Where is our holy land?  
Within the human soul,  
wherever free minds truly seek  
with character the goal.*

*Where is our paradise?  
In aspiration's sight,  
wherein we hope to see  
arise ten thousand years of right.*

**Blessing the Future** – those gathered

**\*Hymn #155** — “Circle ‘Round for Freedom”

*Circle ‘round for freedom, circle ‘round for peace,  
for all of us imprisoned, circle for release,  
circle for the planet, circle for each soul,  
for the children of our children, keep the circle whole.*

**Offertory** – “Route 66” by Bobby Troup – performed by Alan Arnold & The Secular Humanists

***This morning's offering will be 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.*

## **Happy Birthday UUC!**

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