

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

February 22, 2026
“And a Rose in the Wintertime”
Molly Housh Gordon

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 – “Hope” by Violet Vonder Haar – performed by the UUCC Choir

Opening Words

***Opening Hymn #368** – “Now Let Us Sing”

<i>Now let us sing, sing, sing</i>	<i>Sing to the power of the faith within.</i>
<i>Now let us sing, sing, sing</i>	<i>Sing to the power of the faith within.</i>
<i>Lift up your voice, be not afraid;</i>	<i>Lift up your voice, be not afraid;</i>
<i>sing to the power of the faith within.</i>	<i>sing to the power of the faith within.</i>

Sing to the power of the hope within ...

Sing to the power of the love within. ...

Sing to the power of the joy within. ...

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 – Jamila Batchelder

Stones of Joy & Sorrow

Joys & Sorrows Prayer

Hymn #123 – “Spirit of Life”

*Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.*

Reading – “A Charm for Hope: A String” by Julian Jamaica Soto

Anthem – “All In This Together” by Ben Lee, arranged by Astrid Jorgensen – performed by the UUCC Choir

Sermon – “And a Rose in the Wintertime” – Molly Housh Gordon

***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.

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, walk in rain with me...

Come, share a rose with me...

Stewardship Message – Annual Giving Chair, Christine Heath

Offertory – “Help Somebody” by Susan Werner – performed by the UUCC Choir

This morning’s offering is a Faith-to-Action Collection for The Minority Men’s Network.

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Faith-to-Action: Enter amount, with or with a dollar sign, then a space, then the code **f2a**

General collection: Enter amount, with or without a dollar sign

Pledge: Enter amount, then a space, then the word pledge

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Closing Words

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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