

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

March 8, 2026
“You Have to Ask”
Molly Housh Gordon

Gathering Song – “When You Arrive” by Anni Zylstra

Welcome

Prelude – “Call Me” by Giorgio Moroder & Debbie Harry – performed by Jeanne Murphy

Opening Words

***Opening Hymn #188** – “Come, Come Whoever You Are”

*Come, come, whoever you are,
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
Ours is no caravan of despair.
Come, yet again come.*

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 – “Arms of Love” by Alexa Sunshine Rose

*Come now child, lay it down
Just breathe
Just be
Come be cradled in the arms of love
Just breathe, just be.*

Reading

Interlude – “Stand By Me” by Ben E. King – performed by Jeanne Murphy

Sermon – “You Have to Ask” – Molly Housh Gordon

***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 too big
for you to carry this all on your own.
So, you do not carry this all alone.*

Stewardship Update

Offertory – “Count on Me” by Bruno Mars – performed by Jeanne Murphy

This morning’s offering is for the work of the congregation.

Give by text to 573-405-1202

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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