

UU Church of Columbia, MO
“Joy Is Not Made to Be A Crumb”
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon
May 3, 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 – Mark Price

Opening Words – by Rebekah Savage

***Hymn #361** – “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”

*Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Today will be a joyful day;
enter, rejoice, and come in.*

Open your ears to the song...

Open your hearts ev’ryone...

Don’t be afraid of some change...

Enter, rejoice, and come in...

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 and 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

***Hymn** – “Call Down”

*Call down a blessing, call down a blessing,
Call down a blessing, call down. (twice)*

*Peace before us, peace behind us
Peace within us and around us.*

*Love ...
Joy...*

Reading – “Don’t Hesitate” by Mary Oliver

Interlude – Mark Price

Sermon – “Joy Is Not Made to Be A Crumb” by Molly Housh Gordon

***Hymn** – “This Joy That I Have”

*This joy that I have the world didn't give it to me
This joy that I have the world didn't give it to me
This joy that I have the world didn't give it to me*

The world didn't give it, the world can't take it away!

This love...

This hope...

This joy...

New Member Joining Ceremony – covenant below

Covenant

CONGREGATION: We, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia, welcome you into the membership of this community of faith. We are grateful for your commitment to our life together.

We renew our covenant with each other:
to seek meaning and truth in love,
to respond to the calling of justice,
and to be strengthened by our life together.

We now extend this covenant to you. Welcome.

NEW MEMBERS: I freely enter into membership in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia, accepting all of the rights and responsibilities therein.

As I am able, I promise to bring my whole self to this congregation and to give and receive in the spirit of gratitude and hope.

I join in this community's covenant:
to seek meaning and truth in love,
to respond to the calling of justice,
and to be strengthened by our life together.

ALL TOGETHER: Having affirmed one another and renewed our covenant, we now dedicate ourselves once more to our faith of courageous love and our community of radical welcome and deep connection.

Offertory – Mark Price

This morning's offering will be for Missourians to Abolish the Death Penalty.

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

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

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Playground Dedication – those gathered

***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.

Is there a way we can make our worship service or community more accessible to you? Let us know. Email the minister at minister@uucomo.org or call 442-5764.

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