

**UU Church of Columbia, MO**  
**“From Destruction, Creation”**  
**Rev. D. Molly Housh Gordon**  
April 19, 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** – Violet Vonder Haar

**Opening Words** – by Stephen Schick

**\*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</i>	<i>sing to the power of the</i>
<i>faith within</i>	<i>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 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 – “Hold On” by Heidi Wilson**

*Hold on, hold on  
my dear ones here comes the dawn.*

## **Reading – from “More Love Somewhere” by Sadie Lansdale**

## **Interlude – Violet Vonder Haar**

## **Sermon – “From Destruction, Creation” by Molly Housh Gordon**

## **\*Hymn – “There Will Always Be Singing” by Linda Hirschorn**

*In these hard times, there will always be singing  
always be singing in these hard times*

## **Offertory – Violet Vonder Haar**

*This morning's offering is 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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