

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

“They Didn’t Know That We Were Seeds”

Molly Housh Gordon

April 5, 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 – “Morning Has Broken” trad. – adapted and performed by the UUCC Choir

Opening Words – by Julia Hamilton

***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 – Monica Clark-Robinson

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

***Hymn #95 – “There is More Love Somewhere”**

*There is more love somewhere.
There is more love somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.
There is more love somewhere.*

There is more hope somewhere...

There is more peace somewhere..

There is more joy somewhere...

Reading – “Easter Poem” by M. Barclay

Interlude – “Light of a Clear Blue Morning” by Dolly Parton, arr. by the Wailin Jennies & Art Smith – performed by the UUCC Choir

Sermon – “They Didn’t Know That We Were Seeds” by Molly Housh Gordon

***Hymn** – “They Tried to Bury Us” by Andy Douglas

*They tried to bury us
They didn't know that we were seeds X 3
Now we are rising up together
To be as mighty as a tree*

*They tried to jail us
They didn't know we had the key X 3
Now we are rising up together
We are determined to be free*

*They tried to silence us
They didn't know that we could sing X 3
Now we are rising up together
You know our song is taking wing*

Offertory – “I Saw the Mountains” by Noah Cyrus – performed by the UUCC Choir

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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.*

* Please stand or remain seated as you feel most comfortable.

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