

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

“No Ends, Only Seeds”
Molly Housh Gordon
April 12, 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 – “The Circle of Life” by Elton John, Hans Zimmer, and Tim Rice – performed by Violet Vonder Haar

Opening Words

***Hymn #323** – “Break Not the Circle”

*Break not the circle of enabling love
where people grow, forgiven and forgiving;
break not that circle, make it wider still,
till it includes, embraces all the living.*

*Come, wonder at this love that comes to life,
where words of freedom are with humor spoken,
and people keep no score of wrong and guilt,
but will that human bonds remain unbroken.*

*Join then the movement of the love that frees,
till people of whatever race or nation
will truly be themselves, stand on their feet,
see eye to eye with laughter and elation.*

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

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 #155 – “Circle ‘Round for Freedom”**

*Circle ‘round for freedom, circle ‘round for peace,
for all of us imprisoned, circle for release,
circle for the planet, circle for each soul,
for the children of our children, keep the circle whole.*

Reading – “For the Hardest Days” by Clint Smith

Interlude – “The Circle Game” by Joni Mitchell

Reflections – “No Ends, Only Seeds” by Molly Housh Gordon

Refrain:

*There is no end to the circle, no end.
There is no end to life, there is no end.*

Offertory – “The Master Plan” by Violet Vonder Haar

This morning’s offering will be a Faith to Action collection for Heart of Missouri CASA.

Give by text to 573-405-1202

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 – 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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