

**UU Church of Columbia, MO**  
**“Moon Joy, Earth Love”**  
**Earth Day**  
**Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon**  
April 26, 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** – “Mud, Sweat, and Dirt” by Sam Buffaloe

**Opening Words** – from the UN Environmental Sabbath Service of 1990

**\*Hymn** – “In Your Bones” by Olivia Fern

*May you know in your bones  
that this earth is your home.  
May you feel in your soul  
you are worthy and whole.  
May you know in your bones  
that this earth is your home.  
May you feel that you belong.*

**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.*

## **Stones of Joy and Sorrow**

**Lift Off** – Those Gathered

## **Joys & Sorrows Prayer**

**\*Hymn #1064** – “Blue Boat Home”

*Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains.  
Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say:  
I’ve been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.*

*Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea,  
leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep.  
Drifting here with my ship’s companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls,  
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.*

*I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds urging me on,  
greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor’s song:  
I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.*

**Reading** – “In Praise of Mystery: A Poem for Europa” by Ada Limón

**Interlude** – "Life Keeps Life-ing" by Sam Buffaloe and The Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

**Reflection** – “Moon Joy, Earth Love” – Molly Housh Gordon & The Crew of Artemis II

**\*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.*

**Offertory** – “Have You Ever Seen the Rain?” by Creedence Clearwater Revival – Performed by Sam Buffaloe

*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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**Splash Down** – 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.

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