

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister
“Come to the Garden”
Flower Communion
Monica Clark-Robinson and Jamila Batchelder
May 10, 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 Power of the Flower Garden,” by Katie Grigg-Miller,
performed by UUCC Choir

Opening Words - Monica Clark-Robinson and Jamila Batchelder

Opening Hymn #347 “Gather the Spirit”

*Gather the spirit, harvest the power.
Our sep'rate fires will kindle one flame.*

*Witness the mystery of this hour.
Our trials in this light appear all the same.*

(Chorus)

*Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.*

*Gather the spirit of heart and mind.
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined,
with body and spirit united once more.*

(Chorus)

*Gather the spirit growing in all,
drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,
the chorus of life resounding as one.*

(Chorus)

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.*

The Story of the Flower Ceremony

Flower Processional – “Wildflowers” by Tom Petty and Stephen Foster, arranged by Tim Brent and Amanda Quist, performed by the UUCC Choir

Stones of Joy and Sorrow

Joys & Sorrows Prayer

***Hymn #346** – “Come, Sing a Song with Me”

*Come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
that I might know your mind.*

*And I'll bring you hope
when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love
and a rose in the wintertime.*

*Come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
that I might know your mind.*

*And I'll bring you hope
when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love
and a rose in the wintertime.*

*Come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
that I might know your mind.*

*And I'll bring you hope
when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love
and a rose in the wintertime.*

*Come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
that I might know your mind.*

*And I'll bring you hope
when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love
and a rose in the wintertime.*

Meditation “Come to the Garden” Monica Clark-Robinson

Consecration of the Flowers - Unison Reading #724 by Norbert Capek

Infinite Spirit of Life, we ask thy blessing on these, thy messengers of fellowship and love. May they remind us, amid diversities of knowledge and of gifts, to be one in desire and affection, and devotion to thy holy will. May they also remind us of the value of comradeship, of doing and sharing alike. May we cherish friendship as one of thy most precious gifts. May we not let awareness of another's talents discourage us, or

sully our relationship, but may we realize that, whatever we can do, great or small, the efforts of all of us are needed to do thy work in this world.

Presentation of the Flowers – Jamila Batchelder

Litany of Blooming –Monica Clark-Robinson

Offertory –“Dazzling Bouquet” by Bret Hesla – performed by the UUCC Choir

Chorus:

*Mine is the church where everybody’s welcome.
I know it’s true ’cause I got through the door.
We are a dazzling bouquet of every kind of flower.
Jump in the vase, ’cause we’ve got space for more.*

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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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