

**UU Church of Columbia, MO**  
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister  
**Bridging Sunday**  
**“Emerging, Becoming, Belonging”**  
Monica Clark-Robinson and Jamila Batchelder  
May 17, 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** — UUCC Band

**Opening Words**

**\*Opening Hymn #100** – “Peace Like a River”

*I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (2x)*

*I've got joy like a fountain...*

*I've got love like an ocean...*

*I've got pain like an arrow...*

*I've got tears like the raindrops ...*

*I've got strength like a mountain ...*

### **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 “Advice for a Human” by Matt Haig**

### **Stones of Joy and Sorrow**

### **Singing Our 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 #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.*

**Bridging Ceremony**

**Musical Interlude – UUCC Band**

**Homily** “Emerging, Becoming, Belonging” Monica Clark-Robinson

**Blessing & Giving of Gifts**

**\*Hymn #1021 “Lean on Me”**

*Sometimes in our lives*

*we all have pain,  
we all have sorrow.  
But if we are wise  
we know that there's  
always tomorrow.*

*Chorus:*

*Lean on me when you're not strong  
and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on,  
For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need  
somebody to lean on.*

*Please swallow your pride  
if I have things  
you need to borrow,  
For no one can fill  
those of your needs  
that you won't let show.*

*Bridge:*

*Just call on me brother when you need a hand.  
We all need somebody to lean on.  
I just might have a problem that you'd understand.  
We all need somebody to lean on.*

*Chorus*

*Bridge*

*If there is a load  
you have to bear  
that you can't carry,  
I'm right up the road,  
I'll share your load  
if you just call me.*

## Offertory – UUCC Band

*This morning's offering will be for Missourians to Abolish the Death Penalty.*

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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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