

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister
Rev. Monica Clark-Robinson, Sabbatical Minister
“The Unitarian Universalist Land of Oz”
Anna McAnnally
May 24, 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 “Somewhere Over the Rainbow,” by Harold Arlen and Yip Harburg,
performed by Jeanne Murphy

Opening Words

***Opening Hymn #368** “Now Let Us Sing”

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| <i>Now let us sing, sing, sing</i> | <i>Sing to the power of the faith within.</i> |
| <i>Now let us sing, sing, sing</i> | <i>Sing to the power of the faith within.</i> |
| <i>Lift up your voice, be not afraid;</i> | <i>Lift up your voice, be not afraid;</i> |
| <i>sing to the power of the faith within.</i> | <i>sing to the power of the faith within.</i> |

Sing to the power of the hope within ...

Sing to the power of the love within. ...

Sing to the power of the joy within. ...

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 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 #131 Love Will Guide Us

*Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving.
Love will guide us through the hard night.*

*If you cannot sing like angels,
if you cannot speak before thousands,
you can give from deep within you.
You can change the world with your love.*

*Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
hope inside us will lead the way*

*on the road from greed to giving.
Love will guide us through the hard night.*

Reading – “The Magic of Oz” by L. Frank Baum

Musical Interlude – “I Can Do Hard Things,” by Stephanie Leavell, performed by Jeanne Murphy

Sermon – “The Unitarian Universalist Land of Oz” Anna McAnnally

Hymn #170 “We Are a Gentle, Angry People”

*We are a gentle, angry people,
and we are singing, singing for our lives.
We are a gentle, angry people,
and we are singing, singing for our lives.*

We are a justice-seeking people...

We are young and old together...

We are a land of many colors...

We are gay and straight together....

We are a gentle, loving people...

Offertory – “The Rainbow Connection,” by Paul Williams and Kenneth Ascher, performed by Jeanne Murphy

This morning’s offering will be for the work of the congregation.

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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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