

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister
“It Holds Whatever It Is Given”
Ben Schulz, Lay Leader
July 19, 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 — “Faded Destroyer,” by Joshua Powell

Opening Words

***Opening Hymn #6 “Just As Long As I Have Breath”**

*Just as long as I have breath, I must answer, “Yes,” to life;
though with pain I made my way, still with hope I meet each day.
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, “Yes,” to life.*

*Just as long as vision lasts, I must answer, “Yes,” to truth;
in my dream and in my dark, always that elusive spark.
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, “Yes,” to truth.*

*Just as long as my heart beats, I must answer, “Yes,” to love;
disappointment pierced me through, still I kept on loving you.
If they ask what I did best, tell them I said, “Yes,” to love.*

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 #123 “Spirit of Life”

*Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.*

Reading – Excerpted from “Free and Easy Wandering,” by Chuang Tzu

Musical Interlude – “Spirit of the Trailer Park” by Joshua Powell

Sermon – “It Holds Whatever It Is Given” – Ben Schulz

Hymn #1053 “How Could Anyone”

*How could anyone ever tell you
you were anything less than beautiful?
How could anyone ever tell you
you were less than whole?
How could anyone fail to notice
that your loving is a miracle?
How deeply you're connected to my soul.*

Offertory – “I Ran Out of Words” by Joshua Powell

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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