

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister

September 13, 2026
“You are here. We are here.”
Molly Housh Gordon

Gathering Song – “When You Arrive” by Annie Zylstra

Welcome

Prelude – Sam Buffaloe

Opening Words

Opening Hymn – “May You Know in Your Bones”

*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.*

Centering Moment

Stones of Joy & Sorrow

Singing the 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 – poems from *Appalachian Elegy: Poetry & Place* by bell hooks

Musical Interlude – Sam Buffaloe

Sermon – “You are here. We are here.” by Molly Housh Gordon

***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.*

Offertory – Sam Buffaloe

***This morning's offering will be a Faith-to-Action Collection for New Day Homeless
Day Center.***

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

Or give online at <https://uucomo.org/give/>

Closing Words – by Wayne Arnason

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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