

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister
October 4, 2026
“Fearless & Fearful Movement”
Eden Johnson

Gathering Song – “When You Arrive” by Annie Zylstra – led by musician

Welcome

Prelude – Violet Vonder Haar

Opening Words

***Hymn #108** – “My Life Flows on in Endless Song”

*My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!*

*What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!*

*When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!
To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!*

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 – excerpt from *Daring Greatly* by Brene Brown

Musical Interlude – Violet Vonder Haar

Sermon – “Fearless & Fearful Movement” by Eden Johnson

***Hymn #118 – “This Little Light of Mine”**

*This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine...

Offertory – Violet Vonder Haar

This morning's offering will be for the work of the congregation

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Closing Words

Benediction – the congregation stands and joins hands to sing this musical 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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