

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

October 25, 2026
“Still the Leaves Fall”
Molly Housh Gordon

Gathering Song – “When You Arrive” by Annie Zylstra

Welcome

Prelude – “Trade My Troubles” by Rising Appalachia, performed by Violet Vonder Haar

Opening Words

***Opening Hymn** – “Welcome In” by Sarina Partridge

Welcome in, wild hearts
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We will sing our way to wholeness
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...and tender... seeking... grieving... courageous... & wild hearts

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 – Jamila Batchelder

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 – “Loosen Loosen” by Aly Halpert

*Loosen, loosen baby
You don't have to carry
The weight of the world
In your muscles and bones
Let go, let go, let go.*

*Holy breath,
And holy name,
Will you ease,
Will you ease this pain?*

Reading – “The Peace of Wild Things” by Wendell Berry

Musical Interlude – “When I Rise” words inspired by Wendell Berry, melody by Wendy Tuck, performed by Violet Vonder Haar

Sermon – “Still the Leaves Fall” by Molly Housh Gordon

Hymn of Response – “When I Rise”

*And when I rise, let me rise,
Like a bird, joyfully*

*And when I fall, let me fall,
Like a leaf, gracefully*

*When I stand, let me stand,
Like a tree, strong and tall,*

*And when I lie, let me lie,
Like a lake, reflecting all.*

*When I resist, I will resist,
Like the sea, relentlessly.*

*And when I speak, I will speak,
like the wind, loud and free*

Joining Ceremony – See Insert

Offertory – “Everything Goes In Circles” by Violet Vonder Haar

This morning’s offering will be a Faith to Action Collection for In*Tact.

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

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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