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

"The Grass Grows Over"
Ben Schulz
November 15, 2026

Gathering Song – "When You Arrive" by Annie Zylstra

Welcome

Prelude — Music by the UUCC Band

Opening Words

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.

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on the road from greed to giving.
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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 – Meditation on the Body

Stones of Joy and Sorrow

Singing the Children Out

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 #163 – "For the Earth Forever Turning"

For the earth forever turning; for the skies, for ev'ry sea;
for our lives, for all we cherish, sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the mountains, hills, and pastures in their silent majesty;
for the stars, for all the heavens, sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the sun, for rain and thunder, for the seasons' harmony,
for our lives, for all creation, sing we our joyful praise to Thee.

For the world we raise our voices, for the home that gives us birth;
in our joy we sing returning home to our bluegreen hills of earth.

Reading – Untitled poem, by Cold Mountain; Acts 16:19-28

Musical Interlude – "Paradise" by John Prine, performed by the UUCC Band

Sermon – "The Grass Grows Over" by Ben Schulz

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.

Offertory – "Love Takes Time" by Sam Buffaloe, performed by the UUCC Band

This morning's offering will be a Faith to Action Collection for Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture.

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

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.

Is there a way we can make our worship service or community more accessible to you? Let us know. Email the minister at minister@uucomo.org or call 442-5764.

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