UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister
"Question Box Service"
November 29, 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 — Violet Vonder Haar

Opening Words – by David Whyte

***Opening Hymn #389** - "Gathered Here"

Gathered here in the mystery of the hour,
Gathered here in one strong body,
Gathered here in the struggle and the power,
Spirit, draw near.

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

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.

Sharing Questions – those gathered

Musical Interlude – Violet Vonder Haar

Response – Rev. Molly Housh Gordon

Collective Response – those gathered

Hymn #354 - "We Laugh, We Cry" verses 1 & 4

We laugh, we cry, we live, we die; we dance, we sing our song.
We need to feel there's something here to which we can belong.
We need to feel the freedom just to have some time alone.
But most of all we need close friends we can call our very own.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;
and we have found a need to be together.
We have our hearts to give, we have our thoughts to receive;
and we believe that sharing is an answer.

We seek elusive answers to the questions of this life.
We seek to put an end to all the waste of human strife.
We search for truth, equality, and blessed peace of mind.
And then, we come together here, to make sense of what we find.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love,
and we have found a joy being together.
And in our search for peace, maybe we'll finally see:
even to question, truly is an answer.

Offertory – Violet Vonder Haar

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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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