

April 5, 2025

Joy

I was convinced that life
Was meant to be hard.

Relationships like sandpaper

Joy - fleeting

Pleasure - sinful

My body - bad

Ease - not to be trusted

Rest - earned

I crumbled up all those beliefs, threw them in
the fire. Watched them burn bright until they
were nothing and began again to claim my
joy.

I choose to believe Heaven was always
here.

by Madison Morigan



This week's Adult Forum: Melinda Jennings, campaign director of the Salvation Army will speak about plans to update their facility.

Next week's Forum: Susan Roemer, executive director of the Independent Living Resource Center. Susan will inform us of the many services they provide for people with disabilities.

This week's sermon: No time like the present. By Intern Minister Steve Sieck

What does it mean to be present? What does presence feel like? How does the practice of Presence help us to put love at the center in our lives?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4h1dv-tgJQ&list=PLGdvqd8Wss0Ebg6XN5SxauhHUScJh-HFq&index=16>

UU Moment: *How shall we be known?* By the Rev. Molly Housh Gordon pastor of UU church in Columbia MO.

Rev. Molly Housh Gordon explored how we might extend our webs of real, felt relationship further and further outward to express our love and connection to every corner of our community. She said, "It is time now to be the love people. And this is not a call to go out and save the world. The love people are the people who show up – who show up at every frayed edge, who sit down there, who stay vulnerable together, who listen to the stories and weave them into our own lives until the web begins to glow, to sparkle once more with the love that nurtures, grounds and frees us."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUnCqpg5ZpA&t=7s>

Children's Religious Education - 10:30 am

Children attending in-person are welcome to join RE Instructor Dr Samantha Porter for a lesson during the service hour.

This month's theme: Joy

This Week's Joys and Concerns:

If you have a joy or concern that you would like to have read during a service or shared in our weekly email, please submit it by noon on the Friday before through our website: <http://uufjc.org/joys--concerns.html>

We will also have paper forms available Sunday morning for submissions.

Submissions made after noon on Friday may not be read or shared until the following week.

Lunch After Services

Please join us for lunch after the service. This week's lunch is at El Espolon.

Annual Meeting May 18, 2025

We will be voting on our board members and a proposed change to our by-laws.

That change would be increasing our board from five members to seven members.

Please plan to attend the meeting.



Book Club

The Intergenerational Classical Book Study has chosen the next great read. ***The Hunchback of Notre Dame*** by Victor Hugo. Next meeting date is April 13, 2025, at 2:00 pm, in the Forum Room in our UU Building. Join them for an invigorating hour of book study.

Caring Committee

Contact Lorraine Connelly at: lauraine329@gmail.com for assistance.

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Mary Jo LaCorte

Administrator

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