

Visions United Spirit Gathering
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The Practice of Living with Purpose: Vocation
Inspired by "An Altar in the World": A Geography of Faith
by Barbara Brown Taylor

Our Community Gathers

Prelude Creator God You Gave Us Life *(Daphna Pearson, piano; John Foster, whistle)*
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Welcome

God's Doors Are Open to All!
Open Doors · Open Minds · Open Hands · Open Hearts
 Visions United seeks to be a safe place for people of all
 races, creeds, ages, cultural backgrounds,
 sexual orientations and gender identities to worship.

Sharing the Peace

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Each week we light a candle.
It's a moment of pause as we create sacred space.
We invite you to light one, too.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.
 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand,
 and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, your light must shine before others so
 that they may see your good acts and give praise to your God."
 - Matthew 14-16

Gathering Prayer

Breath of the Spirit...

You give us life!

Flames of the Spirit...

You fuel our lives!

Love of the Spirit...

You lead us on!

Help us, we pray.

Give our steps direction.

Give our mission passion.

Give our passion purpose.

This is our prayer.

May it be so!

Source: Richard Bott, adapted. <http://liturgy.richardbott.com>

Song MV#131 You, Creator God, Have Searched Me

(Song leader: Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes)

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Sharing of WOW Moments

