

Visions United Spirit Gathering
September 6th, 2020
Labour Day Sunday
"Celebrating the Ways We Labour for Goodness"

Prelude

Put a Little Love in your Heart - *Daphna Pearson*

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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.

Peace

One: May the Peace Christ be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle**Invitation to Prayer and Praise**

Labouring God,
 the sea and sky are your work,
every hill and plain, every valley and cliff
fashioned by your hands.

Towering trees and creeping plants,
blossoms, sweet and rare
 or common as dandelions,
all created by you.

The creatures are your opus,
every fin, paw, wing and hand,
all that runs, swims, soars and wriggles,
your work.

The world cries out,
"Good job!"

We join our voice to this chorus,
singing the world beautiful,
singing the Creator glorious,
singing our thanks for your labour of love.

Song

VU#401 Worship the Lord (*Refrain, v1, refrain, v2, refrain*)

Song leaders: Kim & Brian Affleck, Daphna & John Pearson; Guitar: Brian Affleck

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Introduction to our Photo Story**Photo Story of Our Visions' Friends**

Music Instrumental - "Move in Me"

Words/Music: Michael W. Smith & Wayne Kirkpatrick.

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Reflection on Wisdom

Blessing Poem ©Carol Penner, www.leadinginworship.com

Bless the work of our hands, O God.
 Bless the hands that work the land;
 hands that move earth, plant seeds and harvest,
 hands with callouses and dirty fingernails, strong hands.

Bless the hands that use machines;
 hands that drive cars, trucks and forklifts,
 hands on computer keyboards, capable hands.

Bless the hands that make things;
 hands that manufacture and create,
 working wood and metal and plastic, practical hands.

Bless the hands that clean;
 hands that wash, mop and scrub,
 hands that know what to do with soap, determined hands.

Bless the hands that make music and art;
 hands that play instruments and hold paintbrushes,
 hands that are creative tools, artistic hands.

Bless the hands that care for people;
 hands that cook and feed, heal and nurture,
 hands with a gentle touch, loving hands.

Bless the hands that are generous;
 hands that give away money and food,
 hands that are always trying to be empty, Christ-like hands.

Bless the tiny, baby hands. Bless the strong adult hands.
 Bless the hands that are folded in prayer.
 Bless the hands that are lifted in praise.
 Our hands do the work of your hands, O God our Creator. Amen.

Song VU#517 Praise God for the Harvest

Song leaders: Kim & Brian Affleck, Daphna & John Pearson

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"Armchair Conversation" with Brian Botten, Ministry Student

Our Community at Prayer

Blessing & Changing of the Light

Song VU#649 Walk with Me (*Refrain, vs1&2, refrain, vs. 3&4, refrain*)

Song leaders: Melissa, Kim & Brian Affleck

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***Thank You for Joining Us!
 May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.***