## Visions United Spirit Gathering April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - 2nd Sunday after Easter A Service of Gratitude for this Place of Worship and Liturgy of Decommissioning for the Church Building, home of Visions United (and the former Stilesville United) **Our Community Gathers** Prelude Memory - Daphna Pearson Music: Andrew L. Webber © 1981 The Really Useful Group/ Faber Music Ltd./ Trevor Nunn / Set Copyrights Ltd. All rights reserved. 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. **Gathering Words** Lighting of the Christ Candle (You are invited to light a candle) Sung Gathering Prayer VU#12 Come Touch Our Hearts (v.2) Words/Music: Gordon Light ©2002 Common Cup Company. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A - 720804 We Listen to the Story Introduction (Shawn Redden) Song MV#1 Let Us Build a House (v5) Song leader: John & Daphna Pearson Words/Music: Marty Haugen © 1994 G.I.A.Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A - 720804 Story The Building of the Church in Stilesville (1875) (Carol Kelly) Song VU#602 Blest Be the Tie that Binds (vs.1&4) Piano & Song Leader: Joan Hawkes - Organist of Stilesville United for over 35 years Words: John Fawcett 1982, alt. Music: attrib. Johann G. Nageli 1728, Arr: Lowell Mason 1845. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A – 720804 Life as Stilesville United (1925-2011) Story Early Memories of Stilesville United (Peggy Renton) A Story from Lettie Renton (Joan Hawkes) The Story of Women's Groups (June Kelly) . Pancake Brunches (Cecil Briggs) "Stilesville at the Movies" -Youth & Children (Ainsley MacTavish Hawkes) "If these walls could talk..." (Heather Thurber) Song VU#579 The Church Is Wherever God's People (v1) Songleader: Anna Peters Words: Carol R. Ikeler © 1963 W.L. Jenkins. Westminster John Knox Press. Music: Public Domain, Arr: F.R.C.Clarke © 1971, All rights reserved.

Story The Story of Visions United and the Stilesville Campus (Helen Halfpenny) Visions Photo Story Prepared by Ainsley & Tammy MacTavish-Hawkes Jim Slupsky Music Credit: "Those Hearts That We Have Treasured" - John Foster, whistle, Daphna Pearson, piano; Song VU#494 (v.3) Those Hearts That We Have Treasured Song leaders: Daphna & John Pearson Words: Sylvia Dunstan © 1991 G.I.A.Publications Inc. Music: William Walker's Southern Harmony 1835 Harm: Dale Grotenbuis © 1990 All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A - 702804 From hearts that we have treasured, from lives that we have shared, from loves that walked beside us, from friends for whom we've cared, we've learned to treasure kindness, we've learned that grace provides, we've learned to be together, we've learned that love abides. We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer Story The Next Chapter (Shawn Redden) VU#603 In Loving Partnership We Come (vs. 1&2) Song Piano & vocals: John Foster Words/Music: Jim Straithdee © 1983. Desert Flower Music. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A - 720804 Litany Prayer of Decommissioning Song VU#603 In Loving Partnership We Come (vs. 3&4) Piano & vocals: John Foster Words/Music: Jim Straithdee © 1983. Desert Flower Music. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A - 720804 We Go Forth to Be a Blessing Changing of the Light and Blessing MV#215 Peace Be with You Song Song leaders: Daphna & John Pearson Words/Music: Alison L. Wesley (Slaats). © 2000. Used by permission.

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