

Visions United Spirit Gathering
May 10th, 2020 - Christian Family Sunday
A New Family - Opening Wide the Doors of the 'Church'

Our Community Gathers

Prelude We Praise You, O God Piano: Daphna Pearson; Flutes: Jim Slupsky
 Words: Julia Cory, 1902 alt. Music: Netherlands melody 1626. Harm: Edward Kremser 1877.
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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 of the Risen Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

Gathering Words **adapted from Call to Worship by Richard Bott, and expanded. Gathering LEP 2012*

One: We are one

All: *One in the family of God*

One: We are one

All: *One in the body of Christ*

One: We are one

**All: *Mother, father, sister, brother,
 Grandma and Grandpa
 elder, child and in-between,
 friend and companion
 single and in community.
 One in the Spirit of Love.***

One: So we gather apart, but together,
 as a family of faith,

**All: *as sisters and brothers in Christ,
 to share in the gifts of Spirit
 and renew our commitment
 to the way of Love
 to the path of Peace
 to the work of Justice
 to life together in community.***

Lighting of the Christ Candle *(You are invited to also light a candle)*

We gather in the presence of the Light:
 the Christ-presence that shines
 in you and in me
 and in all whom we meet.

Sung Centering Prayer MV#62 There is Room for All (2x)

Song leader: Christine MacLeod; Piano: Machaela Osowski
 Words/Music: Bruce Harding © 2004. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A - 720804

WOW Moment**Introduction - Christian Family Sunday****Celebrating Our Visions' Family of Faith**

Piano & Electric Piano: Daphna Pearson
 Music: Shine on Us, Lord Michael W. Smith. Settings: Larry Shackley ©1996
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We Listen for Wisdom**Wisdom Reading** Mark 3: 31-35

Song MV#178 Who Is My Mother (vs. 1, 3&4) Songleader: John Foster
 Words: Shirley Murray © 1992. Hope Publishing Co. Music: Ron Klusmeier © 2002. Musiklus.
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Reflection A New Family

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Reflection Opening Wide the 'Doors' of the Church

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

Song VU#556 (v1) Would You Bless Our Homes and Families
 Song leader: John Foster
 Words: Walter Farquharson. Music: Ron Klusmeier.
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The Community at Prayer *adapted from Richard Rohr, Centre for Contemplation & Action, May 5, 2020

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We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Introduction to Special Music Daphna Pearson, Ministry of Music

Special Music A Song Must Rise
Virtual Choir arrangement produced by Daphna Pearson and Brian Affleck
 Words/Music: Paul Swenson © 1995.
 Dad's Songbook Music. Arr: Bryn Nixon © 2006. All rights reserved.

Changing of the Light and Blessing

Song MV#215 Peace Be with You
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Thank You for Joining Us!
May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.