Visions United Spirit Gathering May 17th, 2020

The Practice of "Waking Up to God": Vision

Inspired by "An Altar in the World": A Geography of Faith by Barbara Brown Taylor

Our Community Gathers

Prelude What a Friend We Have in Jesus Piano/arrangement: 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

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

> Heralding the rising of the sun, Honouring the spark of the Divine within, Celebrating the Light of Christ among us, We place this candle to welcome the gift of this day.

Gathering Words of Prayer

"Light within all light Soul behind all souls at the breaking of dawn at the coming of day we wait and watch.

Your Light within the morning light Your Soul within the human soul

Your Presence beckoning to us from the heart of life.

In the dawning of this day

let us know fresh shinings in our soul.

In the growing colours of new beginning all around us

let us know the first lights of our heart.

Great Star of the morning

Inner Flame of the universe

let us be a colour in this new dawning."

⁻ Praying with the Earth: A Prayerbook for Peace by John Philip Newell

Song VU#409 Morning Has Broken

Song leader: Christine MacLeod; Piano: Machaela Osowski

Words: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931 David Higham Associates.

Music: Gaelic melody, Harm: Alex Wyton 1982. from The Hymnal © The Church Pension Fund.

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We Listen for Wisdom

Theme Introduction An Altar in the World

Wisdom Reading Genesis 28:10-19 Readers: Glenna & Peter Lightfoot

(adapted from the Voice translation)

Song VU#642 Be Thou My Vision (vs. 1&2) Song leader: Bill Peters

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Reflection The Practice of Waking Up to God: *Vision*

"The day of my spiritual awakening was the day I saw - and knew I saw - all things in God and God in all things."

- Mechtild of Magdeburg

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

Song MV#172 God Says (*vs.* 1&2)

Song leaders: Daphna & John Pearson

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The Community at Prayer

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Changing of the Light and Blessing

Sung Blessing MV#92 Like a Rock Song leader: Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes

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Thank You for Joining Us!

May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.