

Visions United Spirit Gathering
June 7th, 2020
The Practice of "Wearing Skin": Incarnation
Inspired by "An Altar in the World": A Geography of Faith
by Barbara Brown Taylor

Our Community Gathers

Prelude Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *Pianist: 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.

WOW Moments

Sung Prayer Shelter Me Song leader & Whistle: John Foster
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O shelter me, O shelter me:
 The way ahead is dark and difficult to see.
 O shelter me, O shelter me:
 All will be well, if only
 you will shelter me.

We Listen for Wisdom

An Invitation to Hold Each Other & The World in Prayer

Visual Prayer Come, Great Spirit Text by Chris Neufeld-Erdman. Video: The Work of the People
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Theme Reflection & Wisdom Readings The Practice of Wearing Skin: Incarnation

Song MV#171 Christ Has No Body Now but Yours (*Refrain*) Song leader: Daphna Pearson
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Reflection "This is my soul's address" *Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes*

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Reflection "Spiritual practice begins with the body" *Shawn Redden*

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Reflection "Our souls tucked away in marvelous luggage" *Jane Aikman*

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We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Blessing & Changing of the Light

Blessing of the Body, *adapted from a blessing by Joyce Rupp, from Out of the Ordinary.*

Song VU#575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (*vs. 1, 3, 2*)
 Song leaders: Daphna & John Pearson
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Thank You for Joining Us!
May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.