# Visions United Spirit Gathering June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

# The Practice of Walking on the Earth: Groundedness

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

## **Our Community Gathers**

**Prelude** Faith of our Fathers Heather Thurber, Electric Piano

Brian Affleck, Guitar; Daphna Pearson, Piano Music: Henri F. Hemy 1864, Adapt: James G. Walton 1874. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A - 720804

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.

**Theme Introduction** An Altar in the World

**Seven Steps of Prayer** (Seven is a symbol of wholeness)

\*Adapted from Joyce Rupp, "The Seven Steps of Morning", in Out of the Ordinary, p. 182.

Gratitude

Love

Hope

Compassion

Generosity

Laughter

Patience

Giver of Life, awaken our entire being so that we can live into this day seeing beauty and truth strewn through every part of life. Deepen our bond with you and our commitment to each other as followers of the Way of Jesus. Amen.

**Song** MV#174 Soil of God, You and I

Song leader: John Foster; Guitar: Brian Affleck; Piano: Daphna Pearson
Words/ Music: Jim Hannah @1995. Arr: David Melhorn - Bee @2006.
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#### We Listen for Wisdom

# Reflection & Wisdom Reading

"The miracle is not to walk on water but on the earth."

- Thich Nhat Hanh

**Song** MV#135 Called by Earth and Sky (Ref., vs1&2, ref., vs 3&4, ref.)

Song leaders: Brian & Kim Affleck; Guitar: Brian Affleck; Rainstick: Kim Affleck; Piano: Daphna Pearson

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## Community at Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Honoring Our 2020 Graduates** 

What a Wonderful World

Piano, Daphna Pearson, Trumpet, Charlie Munroe

Words/Music: George David Weiss & Bob Thiele. Released: 1967. Genre: Traditional pop ballad jazz.

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## We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

# **Blessing & Changing of the Light**

Song VU#639 One More Step Along the World I Go (vs. 1&2) Song leader: Dennis Livingston
Words / Music: Sydney Carter @1971 Stainer & Bell Ltd.
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Walk With Me

Words / Music: John S. Rice c. 1988 Estate of John S. Rice. Arr: John Fluker. Published by Worship Works, Inc. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A- 720804

Walk with me, I will walk with you. And build the land that God has planned where love shines through.

Thank You for Joining Us!

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