

Visions United Spirit Gathering

August 16th, 2020

The Practice of Getting Lost: *Wilderness*

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

Our Community Gathers

Prelude Just a Closer Walk with Thee - *Duet: Daphna Pearson & Joan Hawkes*
Words/Music: Anonymous
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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.

Visual Prayer of Welcome

There I AM Poem Prayer: Kelly Ann Hall
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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.

Peace

One: May the blessing and peace Christ be with you
All: **And also with you.**

Song

MV#45 You Are Holy

Song leader: Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes
Words/Music: traditional song. South Africa. English paraphrase .
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We Listen for Wisdom

Theme Introduction - "Practice of Getting Lost"

A Story of Being Lost

(Daphna & John Pearson)

Reflection & Wisdom Reading: Exodus 13:17-22 (supplementary: Numbers 33)

Story of Special Music

(Jane Aikman)

Special Music

O Shelter Me *(Congregation joins in chorus)*
(Soloists: John Foster, Daphna Pearson, Lorna Teed; Whistle: John Foster)
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The Church in a time of Wilderness - "An Invitation to Visions"

This week Visions congregants will receive an email letter with a survey link.

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

Our Community at Prayer

Sung Response MV#90 Don't Be Afraid

(Song leaders: Daphna Pearson & Joan Hawkes; Tone Chimes - Joan Hawkes)

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We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Blessing & Changing of the Light

Songs of Faith for the Journey

(Song leaders: Daphna Pearson, John Foster, Lorna Teed;

Whistle: John Foster; djembe: Lorna Teed)

VU#642 Be Thou My Vision (v. 1)

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VU#675 Will Your Anchor Hold (vs. 1&2)

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VU#651 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (v. 1)

Words: Welsh, William Williams 1745, English Trans, Peter & William Williams. 1771
French Trans. Flossette du Pasquier 1951.

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VU#657 He Leadeth Me (v. 1)

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Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

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VU#266 Amazing Grace (v. 1)

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***Thank You for Joining Us!
May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.***