Visions United Spirit Gathering August 30th, 2020

The Practice of Living with Purpose: Vocation

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

Our Community Gathers

Prelude Creator God You Gave Us Life (Daphna Pearson, piano; John Foster, whistle)

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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.

Sharing the Peace

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.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, your light must shine before others so that they may see your good acts and give praise to your God."

- Matthew 14-16

Gathering Prayer

Source: Richard Bott, adapted. http://liturgy.richardbott.com

Breath of the Spirit...

You give us life!

Flames of the Spirit...

You fuel our lives!

Love of the Spirit...

You lead us on!

Help us, we pray.

Give our steps direction.

Give our mission passion.

Give our passion purpose.

This is our prayer.

May it be so!

Song MV#131 You, Creator God, Have Searched Me

(Song leader: Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes)

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We Listen for Wisdom

Theme Introduction

Wisdom Reading Exodus 3:1-15 (selected verses)

Reflection on the Word: Rev. Dr. Hugh Farquhar

Introduction to Storytelling

Storyteller: John Russell

Reflection

Storyteller: Glenna Lightfoot

Introduction

Storyteller: Jill Baycroft

Reflection

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

Song MV#85 Take, O Take Me As I AM (Song leaders: Daphna & John Pearson)

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Our Community at Prayer

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Blessing & Changing of the Light

Song MV#209 Go, Make a Diff'rence (*Refrain*, v1, v3, refrain)

Song leaders: Joan Hawkes, Anna Peters, Lorna Teed and Trudy Colpitts. Lorna Teed, djembe.

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Thank You for Joining Us!

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