# Visions United Spirit Gathering September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

# The Practice of Feeling Pain: Breakthrough

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

# **Our Community Gathers**

**Prelude** You'll Never Walk Alone

(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.

**Sharing the Peace** 

**Lighting of the Christ Candle** 

**Sung Gathering Prayer** VU#374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre (v.1&3)

Song Leaders: Anna Peters and Joan Hawkes

Words: Shirley E. Murray ©1992. Hope Publishing Company.

Music: attrib. Benjamin Franklin White 1844. Harm: Ronald A. Nelson ©1978. Lutheran Book of Worship.

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#### We Listen for Wisdom

Theme Introduction

In the Spirit, let us travel open to each other's pain. Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain.

**Song** MV#79 Spirit, Open My Heart

Song Leader: Lorna Teed

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**Reflection** "Pain makes theologians of us all" - Barbara Brown Taylor

Wisdom Reading Job 3: 1-26 (selected verses); 6: 8,11; 7:21

**Reflection** When "Why?" Becomes "When?" - Transformation Happens

Video "Smashing Idols Through Pain" with Barbara Brown Taylor

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**Closing Words of Reflection** 

# We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

#### **Our Community at Prayer**

Song MV#82 Bathe Me in Your Light

(v.2) Anna Peters, Joan Hawkes & Lorna Teed; (v.3) John & Daphna Pearson

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### We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

# **Blessing & Changing of the Light**

Song MV#182 Grateful

Song leaders: Anna Peters, Joan Hawkes & Daphna Pearson.

Djembe drums: Lorna Teed

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