

**Visions United Spirit Gathering**  
**September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**The Practice of Being Present to God: *Prayer***  
*Inspired by "An Altar in the World": A Geography of Faith*  
*by Barbara Brown Taylor*

**Our Community Gathers**

**Prelude**

Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

*Jim Slupsky, Flute*

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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.

*We are a spiritual community*  
*Welcoming a diversity of people*  
*Celebrating and exploring*  
*In faith together*  
*Reaching out in love*  
*Daring to make a difference*  
*One act of kindness at a time*

**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.*

Welcomed in Love  
 Blessed by Spirit  
 Called by Christ  
 We gather in the presence of the One  
 who said, "I am the Light."

**Centering Prayer**

"Be Still and Know that I am God." - *Psalms 46:10*

**Song**

Be Still (2x)

*Song leaders: Joan Hawkes & Daphna Pearson*

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**We Listen for Wisdom**

**Theme Introduction**

**Song**

MV#157 Am A Child of God (v.2 sung 2x)

*Song leader & Guitar: Brian Affleck; Piano: Daphna Pearson*

*"I am an endless prayer"*

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**Wisdom Reading** Luke 11:1-4, 9-10

**Reflection** The Practice of Being Present to God

**Music Video Reflection** A Shovel is a Prayer *by Carrie Newcomer*

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**Reflection - Closing Words**

### **We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude**

**Song** VU#664 What a Friend We Have in Jesus (v1) *Song leader: Bill Peters*  
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**Our Community at Prayer** (*Brian Botten, Ministry Student*)

**The Lord's Prayer (Sung)** *Song leader: Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes*  
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*Chorus:*

Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will will be done  
on earth as it is in heav—en.

*Chorus (again)*

Give us this day our daily bread,  
Forgive us our trespasses.  
As we forgive them who trespass against us,  
Forgive us our trespasses.

*Chorus*

Oh Lord lead us not into temptation  
But save us from e- vil.  
And the Kingdom, the Pow-er and the  
Glory for ever will be yours.

*Chorus: 2x*

### **We Go Forth to Be a Blessing**

**Announcement**

**Blessing & Changing of the Light**

**Song** MV#182 Dance With the Spirit (\*pray) 2x *Song leader: John Foster*  
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***Thank You for Joining Us!***  
***May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.***