

Visions United Spirit Gathering
October 4th, 2020
World Wide Communion Sunday
Our Community Gathers

Prelude

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.

Today we celebrate World Wide Communion.
 As you come to worship with us,
 Bring a little bread/cracker *and* juice/water for your communion elements.
 Light your Christ Candle with us.
 All are welcome at the Table of Jesus Christ.

Invitation to Gather & Lighting of Christ Candle

Gathering Prayer

Holy One,
 may your welcoming Spirit
 move within and among us,
 opening our hearts to your vision for life.
 Here in this time and space
 may Grace provide
 may Love empower
 may Hope sustain
 may Welcome be proclaimed.
 We pray together as companions on this journey
 with Jesus, the Christ, in whose name we gather. Amen.

Song

Companions on the Journey

Song leaders: John & Daphna Pearson

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Refrain: We are companions on the journey,
 breaking bread and sharing life;
 and in the love we bear is the hope we share
 for we believe in the love of our God,
 we believe in the love of our God.

Verse 1: No longer strangers to each other;
 no longer strangers in God's house;
 we are fed and we are nourished
 by the strength of those who care
 by the strength of those who care.

Refrain

Verse 3: We will seek and we shall find;
 we will knock and the door will be opened;
 we will ask and it shall be given,
 for we believe in the love of our God,
 we believe in the love of our God.

Refrain

We Listen for Wisdom

Wisdom Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (*New International Version*)

Reader: Brian Botten

Reflection

Brian Botten, Ministry Student

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

Communion Song VU#469 We Gather Here

Song leaders: Lorna Teed & Daphna Pearson

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An Invitation to Gather at the Table

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

One: We open our hearts in welcome to our brothers and sisters
in Christ around the world

**All: We come to the table on this Worldwide Communion Sunday remembering all
who gather at tables around the world to break bread and share the cup,
to tell the story of Jesus,
and to celebrate God's presence.**

(Prayer continues...)

Prayers of the People

(We hold in prayer all who seek nourishment in body and renewal of spirit)

Prayer for the Spirit

One: And so may Spirit be upon us.

All: Bless us.

Bless this bread we break.

Bless cup we share.

May we be strengthened

to be a beloved community -

light in the world, bearers of peace, Christ's presence

known in words spoken

and in deeds shared. Amen.

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Prayer after Communion

For the bread we have eaten

for the wine we have tasted

for the blessing of community

for Vision for our journey

Thanks Be!

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Announcement

Blessing & Changing of the Light

Song VU#481 Sent Forth by God's Blessing (v.2)

Song leader: Lorna Teed

Words: Omer Westendorf ©1964. World Library Publications, a division of J.S.Paluch Co. Inc. Music: Welsh folk tune.

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Thank You for Joining Us!

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