

Visions United Spirit Gathering
October 25th, 2020
A New Community Imagined: *Koinonia*
Acts Now: Stories of Making Church Outside a Building

Our Community Gathers

Prelude

Spirit of Life/ Spirit of the Living God *John Foster (concertino & piano)*
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 'Spirit of the Living God' Music: Daniel Iverson ©1926. Arr: Darryl Nixon ©1987. Birdwing Music.
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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.

Sung Centering Prayer MV#14 Where Two or Three Are Gathered

Song leader & Guitar: Brian Affleck
 Words/Music: Bruce Harding © 2002. All rights reserved.
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Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gathering Words (*Adapted, original source: Gretta Vosper*)

In caring for one another,
 may we be untiring.
 In challenging one another,
 may we be respectful.
 In sheltering one another,
 may we be strong.
 In holding one another,
 may we be tender.
 In the expectations we have for one another,
 may we be realistic.
 In the songs we sing with one another,
 may we seek harmony.
 And in loving one another,
 may we be all these things and more.
 May it be so. Amen.

We Listen for Wisdom

Theme Recap

The Book of Acts:
 First Stories of Making Church Outside a Building

Brian Botten

Song

VU#579 The Church Is Where'ver

Song leader: Dennis Livingstone

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- 3) The church is not found in one place or a building,
 frozen in memories from long, long ago.
 The church is exploring adventures of living
 that free us to follow new paths God will show.

Scripture Story

Acts 2: 27-47

Reader: Jocelyne Quann

*"The Pentecost Spirit takes shape in community"***Song**

Welcome to the Family

Song Leaders: John & Daphna Pearson

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Chorus: Welcome to the family
We're glad that you have come
To share your life with us
As we grow in love and
May we always be to you
What God would have us be
A family always there
To be strong and to lean on

Verse: May we learn to love each other
More with each new day
May words of love be on our lips
In everything we say
May the Spirit melt our hearts
And teach us how to pray
That we might be a true family

Chorus: Welcome to the family
We're glad that you have come
To share your life with us
As we grow in love and
May we always be to you
What God would have us be
A family always there
To be strong and to lean on.

ReflectionA New Community Imagined: *Koinonia***The Community Hub***A 21st Century Experiment of Koinonia***We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude****Song**

MV#154 Deep In Our Hearts (vs. 1&2) Song Leader: Bill Peters. Flute: Jim Slupsky

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MV#178 Who is My Mother (vs. 1,3 & 4)

Song leaders: Ainsley & Terry MacTavish-Hawkes

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©2002 Musiklus. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A- 720804**Thank You for Joining Us!****May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.**