

Visions United Spirit Gathering
November 29th, 2020 - Advent 1
 'When Mary Couldn't Hug Elizabeth'
 Searching for Hope in COVID Times

Our Community Gathers

Prelude

Angels We Have Heard on High - Daphna Pearson
 French Carol. Arr: Myra Schubert © 1981 Lillenas Publishing Co. All rights reserved.

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.

WOW Moment

Gathering Invitation

We invite you to bring your Advent Wreath to worship and light your Advent Candles with us:

'Place the cloth
 prepare the table
 look for hope
 and light the candle'

Song

VU#7 Hope Is a Star (v.1 & refrain - 'hope' in our song) Lead: Lorna Teed
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Lighting the Advent Wreath - Candle of Hope

Justin Landry & Megan Smith-Landry

Advent Video Invitation

Getting Ready for a Season of Wonder
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Theme Sharing

An Angel on the Shelf

Song

VU#38 Angels We Have Heard On High (v.1 & refrain) Piano: Jill Baycroft
Lead by Charlotte & Jill Baycroft
 Words: French Trad. Trans: James Chadwick 1860.
 Music: French carol melody. Arr: Edward S. Barnes 1937. Public Domain.

We Listen for Wisdom

Scripture

Luke 1:26-38 - The Annunciation
Readers: Terry & Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes

Reflection

Announcing a Different Advent: Re-imaging Christmas in COVID-19
- Rev. Shawn Redden

Song VU#12 She Walked in the Summer *Lead: Helen Halfpenny*
 Words/ Music: Miriam Therese Winter ©1968. Medical Mission Sisters
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Scripture Luke 1:39-45 - Mary Visits Elizabeth *Reader: Peggy White*

Reflection When Mary Couldn't Hug Elizabeth *Rev. Shawn Redden*

Reflection on Mary's Magnificat with Word & Song *Rev. Shawn Redden & Brian Botten*
 Inspired by 'I Have to Interrupt', Spill the Beans, Issue 37, p. 36

Sung Response: VU#898 (Refrain 1) Mary's Magnificat *Lead: Joan Hawkes*
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We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

Community at Prayer *Brian Botten*

A Story of Hope & Generosity *Pam Harrison*
 Blessing of Face Masks for Rain of Hope School, Kenya

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Blessing & Changing of the Light

Song Mary Did You Know *Lead: Brian & Kim Affleck; Guitar: Brian Affleck*
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Mary, did you know—that your baby boy
 Would some day walk on water?
 Mary, did you know—that your baby boy
 Would save our sons and daughters?

Did you know—that your baby boy
 Has come to make you new?
 This child that you delivered, will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know—that your baby boy,
 Will give sight to a blind man?
 Mary, did you know—that your baby boy,
 Will calm a storm with his hand?

Did you know—that your baby boy
 Has walked where angels trod?
 When you kissed your little baby,
 Then you kissed the face of God.
 Mary did you know?